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MOTHER AND CHILD.*

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Alone, in the dark, lies the babe awake,
And weeps and weeps as its heart would break.
None in the house comes to soothe its cries,
And low in the grave its mother lies.
Out in the night go those wailings wild;
'Neath the earth the mother hears her child.
'Lord, grant I may go my babe to see,
For it weeps and moans and sighs for me!
'Go, calm thy babe to a sweet repose!
And up from her grave in her shroud she arose.
She noiselessly pass'd through the village street,
And reached her own door with hurrying feet.
She came to the room where her darling lay,
And nursed her fond babe till the break of day—
Nursed and kissed till it ceased to weep,
And its cries were hushed in a happy sleep.
Then back through the village she swiftly sped,
And lay herself down by the waiting dead.
In the room came the father, and he smiled:
'We had rest last night, with no crying child.'
Then the cover he drew from the little bed,
Bent to kiss the babe—but the babe was dead.

GEORGE BIRDSEYE

*The germ of this ballad is an old Danish legend.

A FATAL LOVE

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER.
BY ETTIE ROGERS.

We, ignorant of ourselves,
Beg often our own harms.—SHAKESPEARE.

We—Gladys and I—occupied the same box during all the nights that Harry Earle played Marc Antony. We were both enthusiastically fond of the fine old drama, and were enchanted by the acting of this special artist. Actors more gifted and popular there may have been; but there were none handsomer, none of more impressive presence. He had the magnificent limbs of an athlete, the head and features of some rare old cameo; immense, mesmerizing eyes, and a voice of wonderful modulations—a voice that, by the varied inflections of a single, simple word, could make one laugh or weep, exult or shudder, at his will.

When not engrossed by the exigency of his delineation he would glance with persistent and flattering frequency towards our box—but not towards handsome Gladys with her queenly shape, her dazzling brune countenance, her charming toilet of pale amber satin, and a red rose in the rich coils of her dark hair. Upon me only he turned his thrilling, splendid eyes, until I became hot and dizzy, bewildered by a strange and delicious sensation.

Foolish and fanciful I may have been, but nevertheless my sudden passion for Harry Earle was very real. And all the world seemed changed for me, when at last the great play was ended and Marc Antony was gone.

I had the years of a woman, but the undisciplined inclinations of a child; and I had no judicious friend to restrain or regulate my wandering desires. In the midst of gay society I was sad and isolated; in the midst of opulence I was indigent.

We—my handsome half-sister and I—were daughters of one father, but I had no share in the wealth devised to her by her maternal grandparents. And I had a bitter consciousness of being regarded as an alien and an intruder in the home of the heiress.

"I have decided to go away, Gladys," I said to her one day. "Yes? really?" she returned with lazy indifference. "You know you can stay as long as you like, Lois. You make a quite passable *dame de compagnie*."

"But I choose to be something else," I protested impatiently.

"You will do nothing that is not ridiculous," was the supercilious declaration. "However, I credit you with sufficient intelligence to take good care of yourself," she supplemented with characteristic inconsistency.

Possibly she meant to insinuate that I had been predestined for escapades, and had amply luck to evade disagreeable sequences. But what I proposed to do Gladys neither cared nor conjectured.

And I purposed to become an actress; to follow my Antony and to obtain, if feasible, a position where I could be near him—if only for a brief time—amid the glamor and unrealities of the stage. My ideas of histrionic excellence and success were neither very definite nor ambitious, but I did not apprehend any decidedly pitiful fiasco. In private theatricals I had sustained my parts creditably, and I had a predilection for the dramatic. I did not aspire to the illustrious personation of a royal siren lighting her lover-warrior

On his way to Stygian darkness
With the splendor of her smile.

I should be sufficiently satisfied with a mediocre character, if only pantomimic.

As it happened, there was a vacancy in the troupe with which Harry Earle was traveling, and I secured the place without any discouraging difficulty. The company was playing a sensational drama—one of those spectacular, ephemeral productions in which any eminent talent of performing would be superfluous and unappreciated. My debut in an insignificant character was not unpromising, and my progress was gratifying.

From the first Harry Earle was my friend and adviser, and from the first I believed he loved me. From the first there was between us an unvoiced sympathy, a wordless understanding, that filled my spirit with ineffable content. I was convinced that if he had, even vaguely, surmised my supreme motive in selecting my new manner of living, he did not disdain me nor consider me altogether absurd.

"Are you not tired of this laborious life of eternal itinerancy, this monotony of excitement?" he asked me one day. "Not at all," I honestly assured him. "This sort of existence is enjoyable to me—because it is, as yet, so novel, I suppose."

"You have compensations that I have not," he responded. "I am too used to this kind of novelty to find it pleasurable. And, besides, I am acting a character wholly inimical to my tastes and sympathies, and in as insipid a play as ever was jangled together by an empty noddle. Financially, it is a



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distressing failure. You may have an experience of the novel, by-and-by, Lois, that will not be so pleasing."

"You mystify me," I remarked, feeling troubled.

And Harry laughed a short, mirthless laugh that was not cheering.

"Have you never heard of a company going to pieces like a stranded ship?" he queried in droll tones, although his aspect was grave. "Have you never heard of a nomadic troupe stranded upon the fatal rocks of heavy expenses and small returns, an unlucky play, poor houses and big bills? That is just where we shall be shortly, my child. And how we shall return to the metropolis, two thousand miles away, with empty purses, unless we beg, I have yet to guess."

"And you will leave me here alone?" I cried in sudden fright as I began to realize the calamitous situation.

He turned to me quickly, with all the unuttered love of months glowing in his eyes, and for the first time drew me to his heart and passionately kissed my thrilled lips.

"I will not leave you, Lois; never will I leave you, my darling," he promised; and never was a repetition of a promise more assuring.

I knew that henceforth, wheresoever he might go, there, too, I should be. But had he forsaken me, methinks Heaven had been kinder!

The misfortune happened precisely as my lover had predicted; and the disbanded troupe suffered all the annoyances and deprivations incident to such a catastrophe. Left alone together, Harry and I turned our rueful faces and uncertain footsteps towards the distant East—delayed by atrocious storms and hampered by finances that were perplexingly insufficient.

We were fortuitously detained, one evening, in a miserable little hamlet in the midst of a vast, treeless plain of snow that a riotous wind had rolled into great swells and ridges. And from the pale, opaque sky the big, thick flakes were still coming down in exhaustless and swarming myriads, fluttering and falling out of space, like strange, living atoms.

The railway station was a league away, and on either side were trains blocked by the continuous and increasing storm.

"We are captives here for the night," dejectedly announced my lover, who had been vainly prospecting for some sort of shelter among the inhospitable inhabitants of the dreary houses of the place to which we had come an hour before, on our way to the station in a dilapidated and comfortable vehicle drawn by two ancient and wheezing animals. We were standing on the platform of a wretched little building, where our chilled and surly driver had obstinately deserted us, and our plight was provoking and rather pitiable.

"The track cannot be made passable for the trains within the next twelve hours," pursued Harry. "This is a most unhappy predicament for you, my darling," he finished abruptly, regarding me with solicitude.

"Why is it particularly unpleasant for only me?" I inquired, instinctively feeling startled.

For some moments he was silent, with an odd, shamed sort of expression on his frank countenance.

"Lois, dear," he began slowly at first, "the dwellers of these despicable dens hereabouts have rather curious prejudices and some not very enlightened notions. From our

being alone together, they judge we are man and wife—or should be. Moreover, there is but one lodging procurable in the vicinity, and there, unless we lodge together, we can not lodge at all. And —"

"And what?" I interpolated as he hesitated.

"There is neither a clergyman nor a justice within twenty miles."

"But there is a God's Acre, at least, I gasped despairingly."

"My dear child," he replied most earnestly; "we can not afford to trifle with our condition. Neither of us desires to starve and freeze, as I am disposed to believe we might be forced to do; for these people, with their ultra-puritanical opinions, can be barbarians if they choose. To conform to their whims, or seem to do so, will be best for us. And have I ever given you reason to distrust me, Lois?"

"You have not—and I know you never will," I answered with confidence.

And even after we were safely home once more, I had no regrets and no apprehensions. I knew he had good and sufficient motives for procrastinating our marriage, and I was ecstatically happy in the pretty residence we shared together. But Gladys came one day—came to spoil all my infinite faith and gladness.

"I have not come to accuse you of your infamy," she said with haughty contempt; "I have come to tell you what manner of man is he upon whom you forced your honor."

The taunt was galling; but I was dumb with a sickening sensation of not wholly undeserved abasement. And that peculiarly consequential young woman, with her cold sensibilities and profound egotism, would refuse to comprehend that love was my weakness, and that my error was a fatality.

"I have come to tell you that Harry Earle was and is my lover and my promised husband," she proceeded ruthlessly. "Do you doubt me, poor, sinful idiot? This, then, is the pledge of our betrothal."

She drew from one slender finger a unique ring—two golden hands clasping a double heart of clustered rubies. Within the hoop was engraved: "Gladys and Harry."

"United."

I sickened with deadly terror. My heart struggled with every fierce throbbing, and I could only gaze at her wildly with eyes too fevered for tears.

In another moment I was alone—alone with the viewless tempter that narcotizes the conscience with the gall of an outraged trust.

A few days later my lover became ill. He was afflicted by some mysterious ailment that baffled all medical diagnosis. I tended him with assiduity, and he would watch me with loving, grateful eyes—those beautiful, haunting eyes, that were already contemplating the penumbra of the Sphere of Souls.

"Lois," he observed to me once, "I have a great fear that this sickness will end disastrously for you. For who will care for you, my dear love, when I shall be gone? But I shall not leave you until I have done what an honorable man does for the one woman he adores. Sweetest, there will be a marriage ceremony here in this room at once—this very morning."

"But I thought—I was afraid —" stammered I in bewilderment.

"You are afraid of what, my darling?" he iterated in wonder.

"I believed you meant to marry Gladys," I confessed confusedly.

He listened patiently while I faltered forth the wicked falsehoods that I had so wickedly credited.

"I know all about that ring now," he presently explained. "The jeweler who made it is my friend and was doing some work for me at the time. He showed the ring to me, remarking the singularity of a lady ordering such an inscription on an article she purchased for herself. And there is a packet of letters in my escritoire that will be explanatory, dear."

The epistles I perused directly were certainly never indited by the innocence of a vestal, nor by one who considered the language of passion to be a blasphemy. But I shuddered as I finished the last missive.

"You have slighted my preference," Gladys had written to my darling; "and I regard the slight as an insult to be avenged. You decline my kisses with thanks; you say: 'Is Anthony so immaculate, do you infer—or am I so undesirable? However fit may be, I will yet shame and humble you as you have humiliated her whose favors you refuse.'"

This revelation brought me no happiness. Had Gladys stricken me dead at her feet, she had been kinder. Her pitiless calumny had wrought such evil as had made me unworthy even of her scorn and hate.

I was wife and widow the same sad morning. Henry, my husband, died believing in my blamelessness, untroubled by the smallest suspicion of my sin. He was dead; and no kisses of mine would ever warm again the beautiful cold face of my darling. No tears of remorse nor prayers for pity and pardon would ever bring me peace. My intense and unappeasable grief was not understood.

"How dearly she loved him," was said.

Ah, yes! I loved him so dearly that in my insane despair I destroyed the life which cruel Gladys had persuaded me belonged to her alone.

"Gastritis" was the verdict of the men of medicine; but they did not know that powdered glass had been the murderous cause of the mortal malady.

And, presumably, Gladys, who had so meanly falsified for a petty revenge, never surmised the iniquity of the denouement.

SAM HAGUE

was born in Sheffield, Eng., in 1828, and when quite young began his professional career as a clog-dancer, in which specialty he subsequently excelled, being acknowledged one of the best dancers on the English stage. In 1850, with his brothers Tom and William, he came to America, and made a tour with the Brothers Hague Concert Party. It was during that tour he introduced English clog-dancing to the American stage. Later he was a partner with Dick Sands, also with Tim Hayes, and they performed with a number of the leading minstrel troupes and in some of the best variety theatres. Subsequently he became co-manager of Wagner & Hague's Pontoon Minstrels, who traveled chiefly in the Western States. After dissolving partnership with Cal Wagner, he took up his residence in Utica, N.Y., where he opened the Champion Shades. During 1866 the Slave Troupe of Georgia Minstrels, composed entirely of negroes from Macon, Ga., where the company had been organized in June, 1865, by W. H. Lee (a white man), visited Utica. Mr. Hague, believing that the troupe would prove in England even more attractive than it had in this country, entered into negotiations with Mr. Lee for an European tour. This was consummated, and after Japanese Tommy and a few others had been added to the troupe it sailed from this city in the steamship Etna, in June, 1866. At the Theatre Royal, Liverpool, Eng., July 9, the company made its English debut before a crowded audience, but with a result far different from what had been expected—it proved a failure. The troupe then made a tour through the provinces with a like result. Mr. Hague then decided to change his company, and white men musically educated were engaged for the vocal and instrumental business, and a few colored specialty performers were retained. Success crowned his efforts, and he established his headquarters in St. James Hall, Liverpool, where his company have since played. At intervals they have made provincial tours, which have always proved profitable, as the troupe enjoy a high reputation. Believing that there was a field for an English minstrel troupe in America, Mr. Hague organized one under the title of Sam Hague's British Operatic Minstrels, brought it hither, and placed it before the public for the first time in America Sept. 12, 1881, in the Arch-street Theatre, Philadelphia. Since then it has visited many of our principal cities, and on Jan. 21 it closed a two weeks' season in the Casino in this city. Our readers are familiar with its merits by reason of frequent reviews in our amusement columns. In Liverpool Mr. Hague is very popular, and he has always extended the hand of friendship to professional friends from America so warmly as to merit strong commendation. The esteem and respect he is held in Liverpool is the result of having given the public good value for their money, and an entertainment of that high-class order which serves to elevate the profession to which he belongs. His enterprise in bringing a minstrel troupe to America, the home of its origination, is characteristic of the man, and it was daring in him to depart from the old style of minstrelsy, and make talent and musical culture features of the entertainment. Sam Hague returns to England in April, and he proposes to recross the Atlantic so as to arrive in New York next October with another minstrel troupe of the British type for his second tour in this country.

POPULATION OF CANADA.—The official unrevised statement gives the following as the population of Canada in 1881: Prince Edward Island, 108,928; Nova Scotia, 440,885; New Brunswick, 321,129; Quebec, 1,358,489; Ontario, 1,913,480; Manitoba (former limits), 49,809; British Columbia (including Indians), estimated, 60,000; Territories and Manitoba extension (Indians included), estimated, 100,000. Total, 4,352,080, an increase of 668,484 over the population in 1871.

MISS MINNIE HARK, in a letter to a friend, in speaking of her life as an artist, compares herself to a bird of passage, to-day here, to-morrow there, "only they, the birds, have the advantage of resting in the branches of beautiful trees, whereas I (figuratively speaking) live in trunks."

BILLIARDS.

VIGNAUX vs. SLOSSON.
The American Leading-Both Top their Previous Highest Runs.

In the dining-room of the Grand Hotel, Paris, on the night of Jan. 30, Maurice Vignaux and George Slosson began the fifth public game in which they have figured as contestants, and the fourth in which they have figured upon French soil. The game chosen is the one that, when played between such experts as these, who have been working away at it for about two years and yet eling to the same 1428 line at which the stars were made in 1879, we term "the short diagonal." The two are to play for five nights, the 1880-81 season, each night, making a total of 3,000, and a 510 Colander table is presumptively used, but on this occasion no table has been sent from here. The announced stake is one thousand dollars a side. The match is not an international one, in any true sense of that word; nor has any other of the matches between these two been international in any large sense. It is Frenchman only in the sense that one man is an American and the other a Frenchman, and in that sense it is an international contest when, ever an American-born player contends here with Joseph Dion, for example. The American has always to go to Paris. The Frenchman never comes here, and he will not even go to London, Eng. The American does not go to Paris because he thinks the light to go there is fairness. He goes because he thinks it pays him to go. He goes for health, and next in money, health being the main consideration. In our opinion, he is always sure of a game with Vignaux at any time he may go over there, because William St. Martin, an American, controls Vignaux more or less, and it is to the interest of St. Martin, who located himself in France a few years ago for the purpose of introducing American billiard cushions, to have the "international" contest occasionally. Slosson in this encounter Vignaux is doing the best he can, however. He would rather play him in London, Eng., and would prefer to play him in New York, in either of which cities he can beat Vignaux much more easily than he can beat him in Paris, where, in our opinion, Vignaux will not stick long enough to be beaten. To express it in another way, about the only chance Slosson has to win is in Paris, in which Vignaux, as a rule, a Frenchman can do nothing wrong—he is never the aggressor. Slosson once won a game from Vignaux, in France, but the latter claimed it in the newspapers. Slosson wrote to a French paper reciting the facts, and the editor told him plumply in print that, as between the Frenchman and the American, he believed the Frenchman had won. Slosson, in which Vignaux, as well as Vignaux, was involved, but the general St. Martin poured oil upon the troubled waters. Over the memorable Paris game of 1880, as to which it was represented that the referee reversed his decision—really he did nothing of the kind, according to the best testimony available, although he may have given an incorrect decision—the row extended to the entire Vignaux and St. Martin families; but St. Martin, cooler than either Vignaux or the ladies, and his oil again came into play, with the result that we now see. The American and the Frenchman are at it again, and St. Martin, by way of encouraging the American, secured the courtesy of naming the referee, as we are informed. If this does not guard the American from injustice, fancied or real, nothing that can be done for him in Paris will. According to the official report of the referee, given below, the referee is a gentleman of whom we never before heard:

The international billiard match between Vignaux and Slosson for 10,000, was commenced to-night in the great hall of the Grand Hotel. Every stage of the match was watched by a large number of spectators, including Daly, Schaefer and others from New York. Both players were in fine form, having shown big practice play. There were expectations of fair decisions this time from the new referee, who was named by the Frenchman, and who speaks English fluently. Betting was slightly in favor of Vignaux before the game opened. Play commenced at twenty minutes after nine, Vignaux winning the lead, but missing his opening shot. In his second inning he ran 30 and in his third 24, made mostly on the rail. Meanwhile Slosson was unable to make any effectual progress, the balls breaking badly. In the sixth inning, however, he ran 35, and in the seventh 34, mostly by rail, making the total 60, which stopped play for the night, leaving Vignaux's score at 30 points. The total number of innings for Slosson was twelve. Great enthusiasm was manifested at his success, among the Americans, of whom a large number were present. The French portion of the audience also behaved very well, and bestowed its applause impartially. The hall was admirably arranged for the accommodation of spectators, and the inside of the hotel was brilliantly illuminated and decorated. At the termination of the game betting had risen to 3 to 2 in favor of Slosson.

A few weeks ago, with special reference to the cushion-carom match then about to be played in this city and the short diagonal game then set for Jan. 16 in Paris, this paper called attention to the fact that there had never been a cushion-carom contest of more than 200 points in which the man who was ahead at 200 was not also winner at the end, and that there had never been a contest of several nights' duration in which the player who was ahead at the close of the first night's play was not also the winner at the finish. It was then said: "It is now about time that some player who had been behind on the first night, or behind at the first 200 at cushion-carom, won the match, although in the nature of things billiardistic, and regardless of the doctrine of chances, the man who is behind to begin with should ordinarily stay behind." The cushion-carom match was played, and the first night, in which he who was behind at 200 won the game, and it would be singular, perhaps, if Slosson, who is now ahead on the first night for the first time in any of the six contests of many nights in which he has participated, should be the first man similarly placed who has been beaten. Such of our readers as are liable to permit their patriotism to come to the surface at the thought of a Frenchman winning this game played in London or in Council Bluffs must remember that no American has ever played Vignaux in Paris without complaining that he had been unfairly dealt with either before the contest began or during it, and one of Vignaux's two American opponents alleged both kinds of unfair treatment in connection with the match of 1876. We have to say now, as we have said for nearly two years, that Slosson is manifestly the stronger player in this style of game, and yet we have no abiding faith that he will win. Should the game come to an end in his favor, without Vignaux's having lifted up his heels with all the vigor of which his powerful frame is capable, we shall regard the American's victory as due rather to the good offices of St. Martin than to his own skill, of which we have the very highest estimate. The cushion-carom match of 1876, it is supposed, Slosson is not in good play, although he had not at last advice mastered the crossing of the line. His average on the opening night of this contest is 28.1-3, and it was only 30 when he scored 600 against Slosson's 322 in December of 1880. It is noticeable that the two scores have been almost reversed, Vignaux now making but 18 points more than Slosson made on the opening night. This is a strikingly noticeable fact that both men on Monday night of this week made their highest runs of record at this game—Vignaux 223 and Slosson 324. Slosson's average was 50. It has been printed here that this is the highest he has ever recorded in 600 points at this game. This conveys an erroneous impression, and is wrong in intent, while in fact it may be approximately correct. He has averaged nearly 74 in his play for one night at one of the contests of many nights at this style of game, having made a total of 1,019 points without any better run than 260, and his average in the first 600 of those 1,019 was 60. In the other diagonal short-line game he played Vignaux, he was behind at the close of the first night, ahead on the second, third and fourth, and sufficiently behind at the close of the fifth night's wrangling to give Vignaux the honors in the estimation of his constituents, and indirectly for the probable result of this contest than in learning what the enterprising St. Martin proposes to do with or for Messrs. Schaefer and Daly after Vignaux has got through with Slosson on this occasion. St. Martin can be a "plunger" if the pool is deep enough.

THE NATIONAL BILLIARD ASSOCIATION.

A proof-sheet of the new constitution and by-laws of this organization has been forwarded to us by the leading members, with the request that THE CLIPPER make whatever suggestions it may regard as calculated to advance the interests of a society that first took shape on the seventh anniversary of the death of Michael Phelan, and has since attained to proportions that promise much both for its beneficial designs towards its own people and indirectly for billiards at large. The lateness of the hour at which the document reached us forbids our devoting that attention to it which its merits deserve, and hence consideration of it will have to be deferred until our next issue. It may be mentioned now, however, that among the more important changes that have been acted upon are the altering of the name from the Philadelphia Billiard-players' Association to the National Billiard Association; the paying of six dollars a week to sick members, instead of the making of no distinction between married and single men as beneficiaries; the paying of seventy-five dollars at the death of a member, instead of fifty; and the

altering of the time at which a member who has been reinstated after three months' absence shall become entitled to the full benefits of the organization, which has now a fund of six hundred dollars, as John Creahan, the secretary, informs us.

THE ST. LOUIS TOURNAMENT.

The spot tournament, of which announcement was made in our last issue, was begun at Charles E. Mussey's room, St. Louis, on the night of Jan. 23. The contestants are William H. Catton, Ed. Nelson, Frank Knight, L. Morrison, Louis Reed and L. L. Magnus. Lon Morris, who was to have taken part and to have been more heavily handicapped than any other competitor, is not in. The game chosen is a good one for players of the speed of those engaged, but only on the principle that any game is the best that can be played. It does not injure them much as rail players, because they cannot play the rail well enough to be seriously injured by any method of prescription that keeps so far away from them as fifty points. In the three games played up to date the balls have been spotted but twice—twice by Catton at 35, and once by Knight at 50. Two of these incidents illustrate the position this paper has taken against the spotting method when, upon profession, also are required to take up with it. Catton was required to spot at 35, while all other competitors could play up to 50, this being the way of handicapping these six contestants. Now, can anybody tell what odds Catton is giving any competitor in this tournament? If he spots once in a game, he may be giving his opponent 100 points in 300, or but five per cent. If he spots twice, he gives him 200 points in 300, or but ten per cent. If he never spots, he is not giving any odds; if he has to spot almost as soon as the rail comes to him, and he has a good rail player, he is giving infinitely less odds than if he has not to spot until he has run 20 or 35 on the rail. In one of the only three instances in which there has had to be spotting, Catton had 65 to go, and he spotted when he had 40 to go, and 35. This spotting made him loser of the game, for he failed to count, and his opponent, Frank Reed, who had 42 to go and was not hampered by any restriction inside of 8 more points than he needed to make him winner, ran out off the "leave." Any method of play that operates in this way among contestants who are but feeble rail-players would cause the air to turn blue in a tournament before the first round was over. In the instance of spotting occurred a few innings before, when Catton counted off the layout and made his run 49; but no one can say how much this spotting hurt him. There is no record to show whether or not he had the rail, and when a player has not the rail spotting is an advantage to him on any table so large as 5x10, for under the Beneditine method of playing the spot, the player who has the rail is forced to play the white or the red ball first. As to the third case of spotting, The News of St. Louis thus unwittingly concedes that it cost the player the game, although it occurred in the early part of it: "In the sixth inning Knight ran 50, at which time the balls were in perfect position on the right rail, and it is more than probable that he would have made a run of upwards of 100, were it not for the spotting which cost him the game." As a result of the game, Knight's opponent in this instance, this spotting system was clearly unfair to Knight. The regulations under which the tourney is progressing are given in Mr. Mussey's own terms:

"1. The tourney will be played under the rules governing the championship for the Colander Cup, with the exception as noted in 2.
2. Each player will spot the balls at his limited number, and will be allowed to play upon the red or white ball.
3. The contestants will play their games as allotted them in the billiard score.
4. If a player fails to respond to his time for play, his opponent can claim forfeit, unless he furnishes an excuse satisfactory to a majority of the judges.
5. Games will consist of 300 points, three balls.
6. If required, each game shall have two umpires, one referee and marker.
7. The handicapping of the players will be indicated by the figures opposite their names below, the better player having to spot at a smaller number than his inferior.
8. Initiation fee, \$10.
9. The first game will be played between Louis Reed and William Catton, and played on Jan. 25, Reed winning by 30 points, his best run being 42 to Catton's 49. The average of the winner was 6.36-44. The second game, played on the next day, was in favor of Nelson, who scored 300 to 292 by Magnus, the winner's best run being 39 and his average 4.16-71, while the best run of the loser was 28. The third game, played on Jan. 27, was won by Morrison, whose best run was 24 and average 5.20-56. The best run of Knight, who lost by 17, was 50, his spot-limit. Charles E. Mussey, who has instituted this tourney as an experiment, offers \$115 as the first prize, \$70 as the second, \$40 as the third and \$25 as the fourth.

COOK vs. ROBERTS AT THE ENGLISH GAME.

A few weeks ago we reported the progress of a game of 5,000 points to be played three nights at the Palais Royal, London, Eng., the contestants to be John Roberts Jr. and William Cook. The latter has been out of form ever since he returned from his exhibition tour in India with young Roberts, and in the handicap tournament held at the Palais Royal before the present match was entered into he was one of the worst-beaten of the competitors, and more than disappointed inferior to Roberts. The match was entered into, that after the tourney was over a match was announced in which, as stated, the round stake was five thousand dollars, and Roberts was to give Cook the odds of 500 in 5,000—practically no odds at all in so long a game, the chances being that whichever would win would lead at the end by more than 500 points. Cook could not play. Notwithstanding that a championship was at stake, and that there was no chance for betting, the Manchester player let himself out and scored 1,665 while Cook was making 305. The most interesting part of this affair is the seriousness with which some of the English papers, devoting entire columns and describing almost every stroke, treat it. It was probably nothing more than a series of exhibitions, and it does not seem to have been regarded as a single club by the club by which it was managed, of the Palais Royal never had a chance to feast their eyes upon a full house.

A CHALLENGE FROM JOHN BESSUNGER.

The winner of the tournament at fifteen-ball pool instituted by Sandy Spencer at his rooms, in the Bowery, turned out with the close of last week to be John Bessunger, who thus became the custodian of the Spencer championship of the pool championship, this tourney having been announced as for the championship. In this connection the following challenge will be of interest. Receipt is acknowledged of \$50 from Mr. Bessunger in connection with his challenge:

EDITOR NEW YORK CLIPPER: I hereby challenge to play any man in America at fifteen ball pool, best in forty-one games, according to the rules governing the championship, for the sum of \$250 a side. Choice of table and place to play to be decided by toss, but Brunswick and Colander tables to be used, and the winner to pay all expenses. To show my earnest desire to play, I have this day deposited \$50 in the hands of THE CLIPPER as forfeit. Balance to be put up by mutual agreement. Communications addressed as below will reach me.

On Jan. 30 Mr. Bessunger called at THE CLIPPER office and exhibited the emblem of his craft, which is of gold, and both tasteful and valuable. It is in the form of a badge, and from two chains enclosing a five-pointed star with a diamond in the center hangs a medal, encircled by a wreath, and on the medal is a triangle containing the full fifteen-ball pool set, numbered from one to fifteen. On an enameled gold band above the star, as well as on one below the wreath, is a suitable inscription.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the National Association of Amateur Athletes of America was held on Saturday evening, Jan. 28, at the Metropolitan Hotel, this city, at which the following clubs were represented: New York, Manhattan, Scottish-American, American, Staten Island, Williamsburg, Adelphi and Brooklyn. Routine business having been disposed of, the proposition came up to alter the time of holding the annual championship meeting from September to June, the 10th of each month being the date suggested for the year. After discussion it was decided to call a special meeting of the association to settle the matter. The names of William McEwen, James Watson and Edward Rimmer were pre-

sented as candidates for the position of official handicapper, and the former, who was re-elected. The following amendments were made to the rules: "Members of associate clubs shall not enter or take part at any athletic meeting other than those given by associate clubs, clubs whose standing shall be approved of by the executive committee, or an amateur athletic meeting given by an organized club, corporation, business house or house, open only to members of such organized club, or employed by such corporation, business house or house. No athletic meeting shall be considered an amateur meeting if its programme contains any professional event or exhibition. No person competing at meetings other than those enumerated shall be allowed to compete at meetings given by an associate club nor at the championship meeting. This rule shall not affect any of the clubs which are located beyond a radius of fifty miles from New York City, except when competing within such radius." The next meeting of the association will be held March 4.

A CHALLENGE FROM ALBERT FREY TO S. F. KNIGHT.

Albert Frey, who called at THE CLIPPER office on Jan. 31, in company with J. J. Knight, the latter of whom deposited one hundred dollars with him as a guaranty that the young pool-player is in earnest, came forthwith with the following challenge to Samuel F. Knight, who, a comparative veteran in ball-pool, has of late years not been so active as his friends could wish:

EDITOR NEW YORK CLIPPER.—Dear Sir: There is a challenge from me to play a match game of fifteen ball pool, the best in forty-one games, for two hundred and fifty dollars to five hundred dollars a side. The said match to be played on a 5x10 table, in accordance with the rules governing the late pool tournament at the O'Connor Bros.' Union square rooms, this city. I have this day deposited one hundred dollars at the office of THE NEW YORK CLIPPER. The said challenge is to remain a challenge for a period of ten days. Respectfully, ALBERT M. FREY.

STRAY SHOTS.

There has been a tournament in progress at the Turf Club, this city. The prize is the original champion cue, which no player ever was able to acquire as his personal property, although it was held by five different ones in the course of the year. The prize was won by John Kelly, who was finally resigned by the player who won it last, and then the donors of it, Messrs. Phelan & Colander, made it a gift to him. After the death of this last legitimate holder, John McDewitt, his widow sold it to the firm of Frederick Grote & Co., and from their hands it has recently passed into the possession of the Turf Club.

The same evening was establishing a club and billiard-room for young men in Philmont, Columbia County, N. Y., and a public-spirited resident of that place offers to give two rooms rent free for five years on condition that the club selects its presiding officer from among the members of one of the churches of Philmont.

George H. Ellis is in charge of the tables at the Turf Club, Md.

The game of Irish pool has grown in favor in Baltimore, Md.

Those who use a set of composition balls for pool are recommended to have the cue-ball of ivory. The experiment has been tried at the Columbia room, this city, with asserted success.

Major George W. Rollins, who was of some note in billiard circles throughout the West, died in Keokuk, Ia., on Jan. 17. A correspondent writes: "He was in his forty-sixth year, and had been suffering for a year with paralysis and bronchitis. He leaves a wife and six children." The room in Keokuk, Ia., in which he was made to be a billiard player, conducted by his brother, S. E. Rollins, Jr., is well known.

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ASHLEEB IN HIS SHAIR.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER.

"Boud vat was he dinking, mit half-shad eyes,
In front of der barber-shob fire dot night?
Did old-dime biederus before him rise
Und dance in der glinkers red und prighd?
Did he saw himself like he looked ven young?
Did he dought he'd golden, asupurn hair,
Dot down his back all gurlly hung,
As he fell'd ashleeb in his shair?

Der customers orrined as dey vadochd him dose,
Und der secessors und comb fall into his lap;
Dey shnipp'd off his viskers und hair quide close,
Den denderly shobbs 'bond his shairing nap.
Dey durn'd und 'gas und shneak'd from der room,
Leading der barber shumpfering dere,
Mit dancing frightl'd to sheer der gloom
Vere he laid ashleeb in his shair.

Der fra purn'd low, der shob grow'd cold,
Der dawn of morning comes shlow und shill.
Vat does der barber's vife behold?
Der barber dere in his big shair shdill.
Did his soul vent oud mit der bleasand dream?
Does he leef in a land dan der dream more fair?
"Mein Gott! He vas daid!" his vife did shream—
And he vaked right ub in his shair.

COFFT GOFFT.

THE BRAND OF CAIN.

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BOOK II: A DESCENDANT OF THE CONQUEROR.

CHAPTER VII.

The visitor announced by Bouscaren as the Count d'Alcamo was leaving the banker's cabinet must have been most unexpected, judging from an exclamation of surprise uttered by the Baron to escape him. The name was that of Jules Noridet, and his presence in the office was a remarkable incident. The day of his calling completed two full months since Noridet had set foot in the banker's mansion. He never visited the office, for he had taken care not to entrust Bouscaren with his financial interests. Consequently, the Baron's first thought was that this unexpected interview proclaimed an equally unexpected revival of Noridet's matrimonial intentions.

The young man made his entry with a deal of ease, and was apparently received with perfect cordiality. "Your visits are as angels, my dear sir," said the Baron, extending his hand. "The Baroness complains of not seeing you. She was at the races with Henriette, and the ladies counted upon your presence."

"I would have been unparadise not to have paid my respects to Madame and Mademoiselle Bouscaren, but I have a most valid excuse. I was not in Paris."

"You are excused, my dear Noridet; how can I be of service to you?"

"Sir," said the visitor, taking a seat, "I desire to treat touching a delicate affair concerning your son—"

"Alfred!" interrupted Bouscaren, turning pale.

"Have you seen him to-day?" asked Jules.

"To-day—no—neither yesterday," stammered the banker, more deeply in trouble.

"But he was at Longchamps?"

"Undoubtedly. He never fails to be there."

"Has he alluded to any occurrence at the races?"

"I scarce noticed his return, and he did not dine at home. What occurred?"

"He quarreled with someone, and cards interchanged."

"Heavens!" exclaimed the Baron. "Has he fought a duel?"

"I think not," answered Noridet tranquilly, "for yesterday he came for me to serve as a second. I consented, but as he has not returned the affair must rest there."

"Ah!" sighed Bouscaren in relief.

"But an abortive duel," continued Jules in an off-hand manner, "would not have brought me here. Alfred asked another favor. He needed thirty thousand francs—"

"He has dared to borrow from you, the rascal!" exclaimed the Baron, terribly vexed at the prospect of being compelled to pay Noridet, whom it was his interest to conciliate.

"Reassure yourself, my dear sir," returned Jules with an equivocal smile; "when I oblige friends I do not ask their relatives to reimburse me. Moreover, I did not lend your son."

"You did right, my friend," said the Baron pompously. "Young men's vices ought not to be encouraged, and—"

"Unfortunately, there is something much more serious," said Noridet calmly.

"My heavens! you frighten me. Alfred has not committed some scandalous act?"

"You can judge, Baron. The notes subscribed by him were presented to me and I saw my signature on the back—but it was not mine."

"Forgery," muttered Bouscaren, overwhelmed. "Ah! this is the final blow."

"Forgery, as you say. My name has evidently been used to contract this loan, and, like the rest, the signature has been skillfully imitated."

"But, my dear Monsieur Noridet," said the Baron in a supplicating tone, "you will not crush an unfortunate boy, who in a moment of folly has succumbed. I—yes, I will pay—reimburse these loans; but, I pray you, make no complaint."

"I? What do you take me for?" returned Noridet. "Far from injuring Alfred, I come as his defender. Now, listen, sir. Alfred is at this moment the victim to a formidable conspiracy, of which I think I hold the clue, and I come proposing for you to aid me in thwarting the plans of his enemies and of yours."

"I accept! I am ready! Explain, I pray!"

"Know the individual cause of the quarrel sought with your son—a mulatto named Fortoto."

"Fortoto! but—remember—it seems—"

"The puppet is no other than the vagabond arrested in November last at Monville, in company with another rascal named Jean of the Cliffs."

"And who escaped with him from Dieppe prison?"

"Exactly so. The mulatto did not act on his own account; he was pushed forward by an individual passing for a rich nobleman, but whom I suspect to be a downright knave."

"Incredible! Why do these people hate Alfred?"

"It is not Alfred, it is you whom they would strike in your affections, your fortune and your honor, and I will give you proof. The matter, extending a trap to Alfred in lending money to him upon a signature known to be false, is a certain Manager, whose relations I surprised with the band to whom I have alluded."

"Why do you suppose him mixed in the conspiracy against my son?"

"I am sure of it, and I know, moreover, that all the scoundrels united have tendered a man-trap to Alfred, into which he fell last evening."

"What say you?"

"Allured to a house they have sequestered, they propose to hold him, without doubt, until they have extorted from you a heavy ransom."

"What, in this city of Paris?"

"Certainly. It is the system of Sicilian bandits made perfect among a civilized people."

"I will go to the Prefect-of-police, and we will see—"

"You will dishonor your son," answered Noridet calmly; "these people have the forgery, and will use it."

"That is true. Still, what to do? Oh! what to do?"

"Two things. In the first place, send secretly to get information concerning this Manager, who lives in the Rue de Vaneau, in a house I will point out."

"Bouscaren will do that to-morrow. But to draw my unfortunate son from their clutches—"

"There is a simple method, which I will make known if you will give me a rendezvous I will name."

"This evening," stammered the Baron, "I will not be at leisure."

"Not at midnight?"

"Yes; at least, I hope so."

"Well, then, at midnight precisely, find me upon the square terminating the Boulevard de l'Hopital."

"Why the Boulevard de l'Hopital?" inquired the Baron, astonished at the selection of such a place.

"The fact is, neither you nor I have much occasion to go into that quarter. Well, it is there that the chief of this odious band has fixed his dwelling."

"Well; and do you believe that we two, without aid of the police, can penetrate into the den?"

"The den is a very handsome mansion, erected within a princely park. The proprietor of this establishment is no other than Alfred's adversary, and the intimate friend of the mulatto Fortoto, who took up his defense upon the race-course."

"You are right—these rascals are confederates."

"You think it extraordinary that a rich man in society should be connected with a sort of servant; but what would you say upon learning the name of this negro's protector?"

"His name?" repeated the banker in astonishment.

"He is named, or names himself, Jean de Monville," said Noridet, emphasizing his words.

"What! the elegant young man who passes as a recent arrival in Paris with several millions?"

"The same."

"But it is impossible!"

"Have you ever inquired by what singular coincidence this young man bears the name of your chateau in Normandy?"

"Heavens, no!" stammered the banker. "The lords of Monville are long extinct—at least, I have never heard them spoken of, and—"

"There has been a rascal pretending—but no one could take the extravagance seriously; yet it reminds me that my superintendant lately announced singular intelligence—"

"What, Baron?"

"He informs me that a De Monville, who ought to be the same as yours, has recently purchased the hotel at the Black Stone with intention of erecting a magnificent chateau beside its ruins."

"Are you sure of that?" anxiously inquired Noridet, ignorant of the incident.

"Very sure. The hotel and neighboring property have been sold, and all the debts of the vagabond claiming to be its proprietor liquidated."

"Can you not imagine this vagabond, this Jean of the Cliffs, and that De Monville to be one and the same person?"

"Jean! that bigoted vagrant! that barefoot! to have a splendid mansion, home servants—for De Monville has all these."

"It is about six months since you heard of Jean of the Cliffs?"

"Early in November."

"He has had time to do many things."

"But," said the Baron, "he was said to lead a marauding life, and particularly was given to smuggling. One thing I know—he killed my game, but don't think he made a fortune by his sale."

"Very improbable," insinuated Noridet ironically. "Jean ate it. Still, have you forgotten that he was reported to have gold concealed in the vaults beneath his Eagle's Nest upon the cliff?"

"More legends, country stories," answered the banker.

"Not so," rejoined Noridet. "Jean did not wish to expose the products of a very fruitful industry."

"What fruitful industry?"

"Well, Baron, think you he had no objects in selecting that singular dwelling?"

"Think you he was a smuggler?"

"Did you ever reflect upon his escape from prison?"

"Good, but how did he leave port?"

"He stole a boat, which was found floating empty, and hence we believe Jean and his companion to have been drowned."

"They were not. Jean was met at sea by his friends the smugglers, who landed him in England. Later he returned to carry away the money-chest of the associates, and later still he returned to Paris with his presence."

"He is audacious, and risks being recognized."

"At his age six months work great changes, and who would think of recognizing Jean the smuggler in the fine gentleman with mansion and horses?"

"Be it so, yet his name of Monville, and pretended descent—"

"A bold trick and a skillful one, not wholly new."

"He'll end in the galleys."

"I hope so! To start him on that road, I propose your company to-night at the Barriere de Fontainebleau."

"My dear Noridet," said the banker after a pause, "what you tell me is probable, if not strictly true. One thing I cannot explain—the hatred the fellow bears against me and mine."

"Nothing, on the contrary, is more natural. In the first place, he affects to regard you as the usurper of his lands. Finally, you have caused his arrest and condemnation for contumacy."

"No, by a law against non-residence."

"Well, then, Baron, can I rely upon you at midnight?" said Noridet, arising to leave.

"Certainly," replied Bouscaren. "Only I am going out this evening with my cashier; and if you have no objections he can accompany us in the expedition, which, by the way, you have not yet explained."

"I will explain at midnight, and you can bring your cashier, as he may be useful to us."

Noridet affectionately pressed the Baron's hand, and the banker conducted him to the door.

The remainder of the day was spent by Bouscaren in indescribable agitation. He advanced the hour for dinner upon the pretense of an important engagement for the evening, and here his conjugal solicitude ended. Under the circumstances the dinner for two was in the utmost gloom, and Madame Bouscaren undoubtedly experienced all the bitterness of that order of the rich whom the presence of servants compel to dissemble their sorrows and to hide their tears.

The Baron diplomatically threw out hints for the benefit of his attendants, accounting for the absence of his son and his daughter especially. It is useless to add that he was in no wise successful, as all the inmates of the house, from porter to chambermaids, were aware of the situation of affairs. At dessert he quitted the table to smoke a cigar in the balcony overlooking the garden, where he was joined by the desolate Baroness, who endeavored to excite his commiseration and to question him.

"It is all your fault," said her husband. "Had you brought them up differently, we would not have been in this deplorable fix."

"But, my dear," Madame Bouscaren endeavored to object, "these children must keep their rank, and if poor Alfred has committed some follies—"

"Their rank!" ejaculated the Baron, uplifting his hands. "Ah! that is too much. Still it is woman-like. Have you always held your rank and taken your title seriously?"

"It seems to me, however, that you formerly thought like me upon that point," timidly insinuated the afflicted wife.

"Stay!" abruptly retorted the banker, "you are as silly as your daughter. Must I recall to your mind that wealth and the barony came by chance, and that they can disappear in the same manner? Have you forgotten the time when you officiated as housekeeper in the chateau of a certain nobleman for whom I had the honor of serving as a confidential agent?"

"Not so high, my dear; our servants may overhear you," muttered the Baroness, suffocating with spite.

"If you have forgotten," rejoined the banker, "I have not, and that account let me attend to my business."

With this vehement outburst Bouscaren left his seat and took up his way to his cabinet, without reflecting upon the consternation into which his discourse had plunged his wife. He found Bouscaren installed before his desk in full traveling costume. The Baron examined him for a moment. He was struck by the expression of his countenance, while the singularity of his dress provoked a frown.

"It strikes me," he said barly, "you could have found a more suitable costume."

"I find myself very well as I am," responded Bouscaren.

"Well!" said the Baron, falling into an armchair, "you see I have no reason for despair."

"I see clearer that you have restored the two thousand shares to the Count, as he calls himself."

"Would you have preferred a lawsuit?"

"No; but I would have liked something else."

"What, if you please?"

"To see you leave to-night for London with the booty."

"You are crazy. I have no need to dishonor myself, because to-night I receive a million, which will allow a margin for the month's payments."

"In the first place, you have not that million, and, again, it can be reclaimed from day to day, and if I understood you aright, this fine lord does not intend to deposit with you."

"Doubtless not; but D'Alcamo is my friend! Were he not, why this spontaneous offer? Moreover," added the Baron in disdain, "you do not understand the manner of treating gentlemen."

"Possibly not. As to nobles, I have dealt only with you," and the cashier added, "Listen to me. The Count is a schemer, who, having heard of your embarrassment, to withdraw his valuables has offered a bait at which you have bitten. In other words, you have dropped the prey to seize a shadow."

The Baron turned pale, and his countenance expressed faith in his cashier's surmises.

"No," he muttered, "the Count is not capable of a stratagem so barefaced. He testified to-day an interest in me and mine which was not assumed."

"Have you noticed his eyes?" interrupted the cashier.

"Better, probably, than you. What about his eyes?"

"They have an expression recalling the memory of a man we have known—long ago—in our youth."

"I have nothing to do with your reminiscences."

"Be it so! I keep them for myself. Only, if you are burnt by this Italian, remember that I warned you."

"While in this humor, why not say that to-night he will lead us among cutthroats?"

"It would not astonish me."

"Then stay at home. I'll take my valet with me," said Bouscaren in anger.

"Excuse me, I will go, for I want to be posted as to this lender of millions. Furthermore, I don't fear him, for I have taken precautions, should he come any tricks."

"The Count of Alcamo!" announced the porter.

The Count entered fresh and smiling. His appearance bestowed a smile upon Bouscaren's face, for he was upon the point of sharing the cashier's apprehensions. But the latter manifested no surprise at seeing the noble stranger give the lie to one of his predictions.

"Excuse me, dear Baron, for being in advance of the hour," said the Count. "I have much to do this evening, and, since you have accepted my slight services, I am all impatient to render them."

"Heavens, Count! for my house the sum is not enormous, but you have a way of tendering it that in my eyes doubles its value."

"Decidedly, you insist upon compliments. Well, know that I am delighted at being for a few days a creditor of one of the richest and most reputable financiers of Paris. It is flattering to the vanity of a small landed proprietor of a baronous country."

Monsieur Bouscaren this time bowed without answering. The words "for a few days" cooled his enthusiasm, and he caught an ironical expression on the cashier's face.

"This gentleman knows our transaction?" inquired the Count looking at Bouscaren.

"Perfectly," replied the Baron; "I explained the nature of it immediately after your departure."

"Then, sir," said the Count gayly, "you are ready to aid us in the capacity of porter in our enterprise?"

Bouscaren limited his reply to a sort of grunt.

"Know you that to a cashier accustomed to handle fine, silky bankbills it will be something of a job to handle all this gold?" continued the Count.

"I have strong arms," laconically remarked Bouscaren, who, since the stranger's entrance, had been scrutinizing him sharply.

"So I perceive, and I congratulate the Baron upon the possession of such an assistant. He said you were attached to his house some years."

"Twenty," grumbled the cashier.

"We were townsmen and friends," said the banker.

"Really! I conceive you would never separate," exclaimed the Count. "Pardon my curiosity, but in what place were you born?"

"Oh, in the west of France, in a small village whose name is so insignificant as not to be known to you," the financier hastened to reply.

"The fact is, I am rusty on French geography; but I do admire this lasting friendship, and I am sure that Monsieur—"

"Monsieur—"

"Bouscaren," whispered the Baron.

"That Monsieur Bouscaren will repay all you have done for him. When the Count changed the conversation, turning his eyes upon a superb mantel clock. "Eight o'clock!" he continued. "So much for being in good company. Here we are chatting, when we should be on our way."

"We are at your orders, Count," said the Baron hurriedly, "and I will ring to bring a light."

The daylight was in fact disappearing, and within a few moments darkness would set in.

"May I ask whether Bouscaren ought to provide himself with sacks to carry the gold?"

"Perfectly useless. My quadruples are properly piled in charming little barrels, each containing four thousand of these little coins. Your cashier will only have the trouble of rolling three to my carriage."

"There," murmured Bouscaren.

"Yes, that will be a million and a little over."

"It is the custom to verify specie opened," quoth Bouscaren in a croaking voice.

"Just as you say, sir," answered the Count with a laugh. "Open the barrels, and weigh them if you will. It will only give you more trouble."

"Pardon the mania of an old accountant," interposed the Baron warmly; "I never have had the appearance of a suspicion. Bouscaren, you should be aware that four thousand quadruples at eighty-four francs in value make a million eight thousand francs, and the Count's statement is correct."

"I don't want anything better," growled the cashier.

"While I think of it," Bouscaren resumed, "I have eight thousand francs and a receipt for a million to give you."

"Why so?" interrupted the Count. "Time enough when you get the gold. Now, gentlemen, the carriage waits."

The Baron seized his hat with an alacrity evincing his hurry to get his gold. The Count preceded him to the corridor, while the cashier, closing up the rear, found means to whisper into his employer's ear:

"If things go wrong, you have made them."

The Count's superb coupe stood before the door. Upon the large box covered with a hammer-cloth were seated the coachman and a colossal footman, who descended to open the carriage-door the instant he perceived his master. In it the travelers took seats, and the footman, closing the door with particular care, reascended to the box, whereupon the spirited horses started off at full speed.

"With such a turnout we shall not be long on our journey," observed Monsieur Bouscaren gayly.

"I hope so, for I have other engagements and desire to finish our business as quickly as possible."

"Do we go by the Champs Elysees?" asked the Baron.

"No; my friend lives at the other end of Paris."

"An excellent idea. In the new quarters solitude is unknown, and everybody knows what is going on inside his neighbor's house," observed Bouscaren.

"I assure you, Baron, my friend stands in no dread of such a cavity," rejoined the Count. "In his house every imaginable crime could be committed and the neighbors be none the wiser."

The coupe had crossed with incredible rapidity the Boulevard, the Rue Royale and the Place de la Concorde, and was rolling along the left bank of the Seine. Bouscaren gazed through the carriage door with persistent attention, while his employer was intent upon making gracious speeches.

"My friend dwells near the Barriere de Fontainebleau."

The Baron gave a start, which the Count noticed.

"May I ask for the cause of your astonishment?" he inquired courteously.

"Nothing, Count," replied the Baron with hesitation; "only a singular coincidence. Imagine, one of my friends has given me a rendezvous this evening at that barriere, where I have never set foot since I have been in Paris."

"How, Baron," exclaimed the Count merrily, "you have friends awaiting you at the barriere? For a financial prince that is curious."

"No more than your chateleine's idea."

"No; it is quite different. My chateleine seeks space and air, but a nocturnal rendezvous in that quarter, upon a desert between a tavern and an omnibus stand, savors like a hunt after a petticoat, and the Baroness should keep an eye upon you."

"You give me too much credit for youth," said the banker seriously; "and I assure you a petticoat has nothing to do with the business."

"Does it relate to Henriette?"

ATHLETIC.

THATCHER vs. FRANKS.

The two-hour heel-and-toe walking match between H. Thatcher and W. Franks for \$100 came off Jan. 31 at the Little Bridge Grounds, London, Eng. The path was a quarter-mile in circumference, and it was in good condition. The weather was cold, without wind, and over six hundred spectators were present. Franks had the inside position, and Jack White, who fired the pistol, dispatched them on even terms. After going a dozen yards Franks took the lead, and finishing the first quarter he was ten yards ahead. The gap widened each circuit afterwards, and at the mile Franks led by 17 1/2, two miles by 4 1/2, three miles by 5 1/2, four miles by 1 1/2, and at five miles by 1 3/4. Then for one or two laps Thatcher picked up a bit, and at six miles he was only 1 3/4 behind, but he did not maintain his position. From the twenty-sixth lap Franks began to increase his lead again, and finishing the seventh mile he was 1 3/4 ahead. Finally, at seven and a half miles Franks drew up to Thatcher's heels, but did not attempt to go by, and at eight miles (walked by Franks in 59m. 33 1/4, and by Thatcher in 1h. 1m. 27 1/4), exactly 438 yards separated the pair. Up to this time there had been some good walking on both sides, but now Franks slowed down, and entering the third lap of the mile Thatcher went away with a rush, and Franks let him go. Having, however, the good lead, he did not appear any reason why he should distress himself unnecessarily, but a little later on it was apparent that unless he altered his gait and put the steam on Thatcher must overtake him. At nine miles Thatcher was 1m. 33 1/4 behind, but in the tenth mile he came up hand-over-hand, and it seemed as if Franks were waiting for him. Thatcher finished his tenth mile in 1h. 10m. 39 1/4, only 50 1/4 behind, and three-quarters of a mile further on he caught Franks, amid great excitement. He did not attempt to go by, neither did Franks try to get away, and the last lap of the eleventh mile both walked leisurely. However, entering upon the second lap of the twelfth mile Thatcher put on one of his terrific "gallop" spurts, and went by with a rush; but there was no appeal, and Franks was now going very short and dotty. Finally Franks pulled up in the straight where he had covered about fifty yards short of twelve miles, and walked slowly to the dressing-room, limping slightly, and Nobby Hall, who looked after Franks' interests, informed the referee that Thatcher could stop when he pleased, which he did after finishing twelve miles and a lap, thus winning by a lap in 1h. 36m. 57 1/4. It was prophesied beforehand, says *The Sporting Life*, that Franks, if on the job, would cover nearly fifteen and a half miles in two hours, and there is no doubt, fit and well, he would just about cut the fifteen-mile record. In point of style, Franks walked decidedly better than Thatcher. The winner's time for each quarter mile from 8 1/4 up to 10 1/4 miles was better than the best previously recorded, the figures for nine miles being 1h. 7m. 34 1/4, and for ten miles 1h. 15m. 49 1/4. G. W. Atkinson was referee and R. Watson timekeeper.

UNION ATHLETIC CLUB.

There was a very large attendance at the Winter meeting of this club, held Jan. 25 in the Mechanics' Fair building, Boston, Mass. The results of the competitions were as follows: Lawn-tennis match—W. H. Goodwin Jr. and G. F. Woodman, Hittomissell Club, first, in two straight sets; H. Hooper and Pelham Dodd, Tam O'Shanter Club, second. One-mile walk—J. Briggs, Tam O'Shanter Club, first; W. T. Frost, U. A. C., second. Pole-vaulting—H. H. Baxter, N. Y. A. C., first, 8ft. 4in., defeating N. K. Simpson and R. T. Gibbons. One-mile run—P. F. Gormley, U. A. C., first, in 5m. 17 1/4; A. Anderson, Cambridge, second. Tug-of-war—Jamaica Boat Club, E. D. Palmer, W. A. Barr, I. S. Phinney and H. R. Tabbell, beat Massachusetts Institute of Technology, F. M. Haines, F. O. Hartman, C. W. McFerran and E. O. Hilley. Tug-of-war, First company—M. I. T. C. Dupont, E. H. Cutler, W. D. Fuller and D. Baker, beat Chelsea Rifles, C. J. Foye, S. A. Lennan, H. E. Keogh and F. O. Korman. Seventy-five yards run—First heat: R. D. Smith, Brookline A. C., and C. B. Strecker, U. A. C., ran a dead heat. Second heat: J. K. Simpson, U. A. C., first; Charles Taylor Jr., Williamsburg A. C., second. Third heat: A. L. Brackett, U. A. C., and J. Means, M. I. T. C., ran a dead heat. Fourth heat: Strecker first, Simpson second. Tug-of-war—M. I. T. C. beat Boston Fusiliers. Running high jump—A. H. Winch first, by 6ft. 4in., beating J. H. Behneke, U. A. C.; A. L. Carroll, Staten Island A. C., and Charles Taylor Jr., W. A. C. Bicycle slow race—O. S. Howard, U. A. C., first; A. H. Baldwin second. Tug-of-war—M. I. T. C. beat Union A. C. One-mile run, open—C. E. Peppard, A. C., first, in 4m. 50 1/4; E. Stoughton, U. A. C., second, in 5m. 1 1/4. E. E. Merrill also walked a half-mile, as an exhibition, in 3m. 32 1/4, and bicycling exhibitions were given by W. H. Tufts and A. L. Atkins, and by the Crescent Club members.

ATHLETICS AT HARVARD.—The programme for the Winter (7) meetings of the Harvard Athletic Association are as follows: March 11—Heavy and middle weight sparring; heavy, middle, light and feather weight wrestling; parallel-bars, putting the shot and tug-of-war (84 vs. 85, four men each aggregate weight 600lb, to pull on cleats). March 18, ladies' day—Fencing, light and feather weight sparring, standing high jump, two-hand vault, club-swinging and tug-of-war between '82 and '83 (conditions as above). March 25, ladies' day—Running high jump, horizontal bar, double-trapeze, tumbling, pole-vaulting, flying rings, triple-barred scabbles, rope-climbing, high kick, and tug-of-war (final pull). Suitable prizes will be given to each winning contestant. There will also be a special general athletic prize, competitors to take part in each of the following games: Running and standing high jumps, horizontal and parallel bars, two-hand vault and flying-rings. Entries for this prize close March 9, and the fee, \$1, will be refunded to all who compete in each of the foregoing six events.

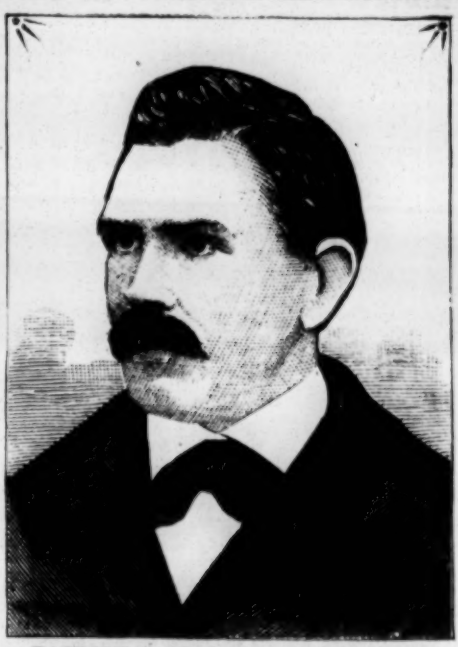
MANHATTAN ATHLETIC CLUB.—The third annual Winter meeting of this club will be held at Madison-square Garden, this city, on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 8 P. M. The following events are open to all amateurs: 75yds. run, handicap; 220yds. run, handicap; 260yds. run, scratch, for boys under 15 years of age; 220yds. hurdle race, handicap; 300yds. run, scratch, for college men; 600yds. run, scratch, for college men; 100yds. run, for those who never won a 200; 440yds. run, handicap; one-mile run, handicap; one-mile walk, for those who have never beaten 8m. 30s.; two-mile walk, handicap; one-mile bicycle race, handicap. Costly gold medals to first in each event, and silver to second. The prizes will be on exhibition on and after Feb. 9 at McCue Bros., No. 178 Broadway. The rules of the National Association will govern all entries and contests. Contestants must be properly attired. An entrance fee of 50 cents for each man and 25 cents for each woman. Right to reject reserved. Entries will positively close Feb. 16 with the secretary, F. J. Graham, Eighth avenue, Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh streets.

WILLIAMSBURG ATHLETIC CLUB.—This club announce an indoor meeting to be held at American Institute Hall, Third avenue, this city, Feb. 21, 22. The following events are open to all amateurs: 75 yards, 600 yards and one-mile runs, and a two-mile walk, all handicaps, and a 24-hour go-as-you-please race. Entrance-fee, 75 cents for each man for each of the minor events, and gold medals will be given to first and second and a silver medal to third in each of the handicaps, while for the 24-hour race six prizes, amounting in value to \$250, in the form of orders on tradesmen, are offered. A special medal will also be given to anyone who, starting with the runners, shall at heel-and-toe walking beat the American record for 24 hours, 108 5/9 miles. Entries for the handicaps will close Feb. 14, and for the 24-hour race Feb. 17, with J. R. Smith, secretary, Wythe avenue and Penn street, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y. Entrance fee for the latter event, \$5.

FOR CHARITY'S SAKE.—On the evening of Jan. 25 an exhibition of pedestrianism was given by Daniel O'Leary and John Dobler at the skating-rink, Nashville, Tenn., in aid of the fund for the relief of the sufferers by the recent over-flow there. According to the conditions of the contest O'Leary was to go twenty miles heel-and-toe, and Dobler twenty-four miles as he pleased. No rests were allowed. Dobler finished in 3h. 3m., running the first twenty miles. O'Leary completed his twenty miles twelve minutes later. An elegant silver set, bearing the inscription: "Presented by the Ladies of the Relief Society of Nashville," was presented to each of the pedestrians.

WHO IS IT?—In *The Sporting Life*, London, dated Jan. 14, we find the following: "We are authorized to state that a gentleman, having seen Baby's challenge to walk any man in the world from one to eight miles, will match an unknown to walk him one mile level, for \$1,500 a side. The unknown is an American, and the gentleman would be willing to make the stakes less than \$1,500 a side, providing Baby will allow reasonable expenses for crossing the Atlantic. A match can be ensured by Baby sending a deposit to *The Sporting Life* office. Baby is requested to communicate at once, as business only is meant."

BOXING AND WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS.—It has been decided that the meeting which is designed to settle the question as to who are entitled to claim the amateur championship among wrestlers and boxers will be held at Tammany Hall, this city, March 11, at 8 P. M., under the auspices of the N. Y. A. C. The boxing will be at the following weights: Feather, 115lb and under; light, 135lb and under; middle, 155lb and under; heavy, all over 155lb. The wrestling will be in Lancashire style, at two weights, not yet announced.



PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, Pedestrian.

was born at Hill of Listuff, County Longford, Ireland, Dec. 5, 1846, stands 5 feet 10 1/4 inches in height, and his weight in condition is 165lb. He was brought across the Atlantic by his parents when he was a mere child, they making their home in Montreal, Canada, where the subject of our sketch was reared. He began his career as a pedestrian at the age of twelve years, winning a two-mile race against a field of nine. During the four years following he ran about a score of races, defeating, among others, Attimore, a noted runner of Canada, in a one-mile race, and being beaten by Parker of the Montreal A. C. in a half-mile run. In the Summer of 1864 he defeated Butt of the Fusilier Guards in a mile race for a medal, covering the distance in 4m. 52s. Some years later he defeated Daillebout, the Indian runner, in a half-mile match; defeated Johnston and two others, same distance, purse of fifty dollars, and Sergeant Mitchell, Thirtieth Regiment, one mile, for fifty dollars. He subsequently vanquished Frances Delamere, an Indian, one mile, for a medal (time, 4m. 44s.), and a runner of local reputation named Fagin, one mile. After this he came to New York City, where he followed the occupation of a cattle-drover, occasionally engaging in races. He came to be generally known around Harlem and Yorkville by the alias of "Johnny Wild." In 1866 he defeated Brady in a mile race for \$200, and the same year beat Matt Cassidy in a five-mile race for \$500. Both of these races were won easily. In the Spring of 1867 May of this city went down before him, the company with some of the best men in England, about this time arrived in the States, and soon afterwards a match was arranged at THE CLIPPER office between him and Fitzgerald, to run one mile for \$500 a side. Johnny McKenna and other Harlem boys found the money for the New-Yorker, while Thomas Elliott of Philadelphia was Stapleton's principal backer. The race was played, and, although a storm poured down on the day, and the Fashion track, L. was parched dead in mud and water, the race took place on the appointed day, Dec. 16, 1869. It did not result satisfactorily, however, the Englishman being stopped by the crowd on the home stretch, and the referee reserving his decision. The latter official subsequently met the principals and their friends at this office and declared it "no race," ordering them to run again at the same place, but the New-Yorkers did not insist on the referee's decision being abided by, the money was returned to the backers of the principals. John Barlow of the Quaker City then offered to match Stapleton against Fitzgerald or anyone else to run a mile at Trenton, N. J., for \$5,000. To this a partisan of the New-Yorker said he would match the latter on the last mile, and "Pitt" finishing in 65m. 15s. John Shelby was referee. Between that year and 1876 he took part in a number of minor races, and then returned to Canada, where he soon afterwards was beaten by Daillebout in a mile race. In the year 1877 he was beaten by John Raine in a two-mile race at Ottawa, Ont., and by D. Woods of Galt in a mile race. In the year following he was again beaten at Montreal in a half-mile race against five others, and subsequently a mile event. Next year he was victorious in a two-mile race with Daillebout, Kerarow and Lafave, Indians, the time being 10m. 17s. In the Autumn of the same year he outran Toby Butler of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club in a mile race for a cup; time, 4m. 50s. Early the following year Fitzgerald returned to the metropolis, and on May 2, 1879, was returned to the United States, where he was again square (then Gilmore's) Garden, running the distance in 58m. 50s., and defeating John Raine, M. McNulty and Norman Taylor. On the 24th of the same month he defeated Taylor (the pie-eater) in a twenty-mile match, coming in nearly a half mile ahead in 2h. 11m. 10s. Taylor's time was 2h. 18m. 5s. The race took place at the American Institute Hall, and Mr. Reagan and some other well-known men were present. On the 26th of Scott & Earl, Clinton place, was Taylor's backer. June 16 following, a match wherein Fitzgerald had undertaken to run eleven miles in one hour for a bet of \$100 against \$400 was decided at the Manhattan A. C. Grounds, on an eight-lap track. The pedestrian won, covering the distance in 59m. 50 1/4, which is the best performance of the kind ever done in America. He first tried his power in a six-day pedestrianism on the occasion of the initial competition for the O'Leary American championship belt, held at Madison-square Garden Oct. 6 to 11, 1879, competitors to go as they pleased for 142 consecutive hours. In the first hour he ran 9m. 41yds., then the best recorded performance at this style of contest, and led for five hours, but then fell back, and at 2h. 3m. A. M. Oct. 7 retired with a badly-swollen knee, and something over 88 miles to his credit. Oct. 29 following he engaged in a twenty-mile race at the same place, coming in second to Charles Price, whose time was 2h. 28m. 3s.; Fitzgerald, 2h. 2m. 1 1/4s. James McLeavy quit after winning the ten-mile prize, and M. McNulty, W. R. Toole, and Pat Welsh did not finish. Next day he started in a forty-mile run, again getting second place, in 5h. 59m. 49s., to John Hourihan, whose time was 6h. 45m. 1s. He was again defeated by F. J. White, Scott & Twomey, E. Davis, R. H. Voeburg, A. Youngfield, A. Rockey, John Dolan, Norman Taylor and T. Atkinson stopped. He again tried his powers at the six-day business in the Winter of 1879-80, being one of the starters in the contest for the belt offered by D. E. Rose at Madison-square Garden, Dec. 22 to 27, 1879. This time he greatly improved upon his performance in the O'Leary race, finishing fifth, with a score of 320 1/4 miles in 142h. 47m. 35s. The race was won by Frank Hart. We next heard of Fitzgerald April 26, 1880, when he was a starter in a 72-hour race (twelve hours daily) at Buffalo, N. Y. P. J. Panchot came in first, with a score of 406 5/11 miles, Chris. Faber second, and "Pitt" third, with 386 miles. From Dec. 27, 1880, to Jan. 1, 1881, he was a contestant in a 130-hour race, given under John Ennis' management at Music Hall, Boston, Mass., when he ran 121 miles in 24 hours, and 306 miles in 72 hours. He was a starter

in the first race for the O'Leary International belt, held at American Institute Hall, Jan. 24 to 29, 1881, but stopped at 5h. 18m. A. M. on the second day, having run 113 miles 7 laps, and nothing apparently being the matter with him. May 23 to 28, 1881, he was among the competitors in the second race for the same trophy, at Madison-square Garden, when he finished in fourth place, with 336 miles 660 yards opposite his name. Robert Vint won, with a score of 378 miles 605 yards, John Sullivan was second, and John Hughes third. His last public appearance up to the present time, and the one which brought to him the greatest fame as a pedestrian (and the smallest proportionate amount of pecuniary reward) was made at the American Institute Dec. 26-31 last. It was in a six-day race gotten up by John Ennis, and this time Fitzgerald's efforts were crowned with success, while in winning the race he also eclipsed all previous records with a score of 582 miles 55 yards, to which he could have added a score or more miles had it been necessary. He is now therefore at the top of the list of long-distance pedestrians, and is expected to make another grand race in the coming six-day contest.

POLO ON ROLLER SKATES.—The Albany (N. Y.) Roller Polo Club have established one of the finest rinks in the State. The club comprise twenty members, formed into three teams. A series of games are now being played for a handsome silver skate presented to the club by H. S. Ball. The most exciting game of the series was contested Jan. 25 between the Reds and Blues at the Tennis Club reception. After a severe struggle of nearly an hour's duration, the Blues gained the victory by a score of 4 to 3. Polo is played three times each week, and attracts numbers. The following comprise the teams and officers of the rink: Manager, J. P. Burdick; assistant-manager and treasurer, E. S. Reischelm; captains—Blues, J. R. Campbell Jr.; Reds, C. M. Griswold; Whites, F. T. Christie. Players—J. V. Behan, F. Clement, J. Cutler, W. Crehan, T. Outler, F. Holdridge, E. Mann, C. Strivell, F. Strickland, E. Vine, E. E. Wygant, E. Van Antwerp and H. S. Wilcox. Plympton skates are used, and Prof. G. Plympton has charge of the instruction department. At the exhibition of fancy skating held recently some of the most difficult movements were made by him, and as a hurdle racer he is excellent.

LEW SIMMONS, the well-known burnt-corn comedian, who is now managing the Athletic Club, was one of the nine of that organization on July 30, 1866, when Oakdale Park, Philadelphia, was formally opened by a game between the Athletics and Philadelphia. Led in batting with one out and ten runs. Fred De B. Richards of the Olympics acted as umpire. The sixteenth anniversary of the opening of Oakdale Park will be celebrated this year by a game between Lew Simmons Athletics and Al. Beach's Philadelphia, the general veteran, Richards, who has been an active member of the Olympics for upwards of twenty-five years, again officiating as umpire. The Olympics contemplate holding a grand reunion on July 4, 1883, their fiftieth anniversary.

THE REGULAR B. MONTHLY TOURNAMENT of the Olympic Club of San Francisco, Cal., took place Jan. 18 at the club-rooms. The first event was a three-mile scratch race, which was won by J. B. Leighton, in 18m. 5s.; track twenty laps to the mile, wooden floor. S. Silverton carried away the first prize on the parallel bars, and C. H. Slater first prize for tumbling. Putting the 16th shot—W. J. Sherman first prize, W. D. O'Kane second; distance, 29ft. 5in.

THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CLUB of this city last week elected the following officers: President, Mortimer Bishop; vice-president, E. W. Knickerbocker; secretary, J. H. Hannan; treasurer, Frank C. Lowry; captain, John Thomas; lieutenant, Robert Smith; trustees, Cyril Robinson, John Gath and A. Van Tumbach.

THE WILLIAMSBURG A. C. announce that, owing to the probability of more entries being sent in than can well be handled on the track, they reserve the right to close the entries for their twenty-four-hour amateur race whenever they think it advisable to do so. Also, that boys will not be allowed to compete.

THE QUEEN CITY ATHLETIC CLUB was organized in Buffalo, N. Y., recently, and the following officers elected: President, F. Schwinn; vice-president, O. A. Filne; treasurer, M. J. Hooley; financial secretary, J. C. Hinch; recording secretary, George Rogers; executive committee, Wm. Schneider Jr., F. Sautler, and F. Blachner.

ALEXANDER DEKENDOOR, the mute walker, formerly a member of the American A. C., has recovered from his lung trouble, and will, it is stated, again appear on the pedestrian path the coming season.

H. THATCHER, whose victory over W. Franks is elsewhere recorded, will on Feb. 13, at Little Bridge, London, Eng., attempt to beat the three-hours' walking record, 22 miles 206 yards, made by William Perkins in 1877.

THE MATCH between Hutchens and Wallace, the famous English sprinters, is to be decided March 1. The distance is 150yds., and Wallace receives a start of four yards.

BASEBALL.

COLLEGE CLUB RULES.

The new constitution of the American College Baseball Association as adopted at the December convention, contains several clauses which should be generally known among the club players. In the first place, the membership at present is limited to the clubs of Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Amherst, Dartmouth and Brown; and a unanimous vote of all the clubs is necessary to elect new members of the Association. The annual fee for membership is fifteen dollars. In regard to the rule governing the membership of college-club nines the constitution provides that "Any student who has been pursuing a course of study through the entire collegiate year, and whose college expenses are in no way borne by men connected with baseball interests, shall be eligible for membership of the college-club nine." But any student who shall play on a professional baseball nine, or receive pay for his services as a player in a club nine, shall not be eligible to play in a college nine. Questions of eligibility under this rule are to be investigated and decided by the Judiciary Committee of the Association on application by any college club. The series of games to decide the championship of the Association shall consist of two with each college club; the first game only on each home club's ground, or on grounds mutually agreed upon, to count in the series. The greatest total of won games decides the championship. In case of a tie, one game shall be played by each club thus tying, with each of the other tying clubs; said game to be played upon neutral grounds, and within ten days after the last scheduled game of the series. Each club is to receive the full value of all the receipts on its own grounds and pay its own expenses of the match.

THE DIRECTORS of the Allegheny Club, at a meeting held Jan. 24, unanimously selected Al. Pratt, the once well-known pitcher, to fill the position of manager. It was decided to procure a new charter at once instead of working under that of the old Allegheny Club. There was some talk of closing a league with the Union Park people, but there was a strong opposition developed, some holding that the Exposition grounds were much better located, and could be had upon much more reasonable terms. The matter was finally referred to President McKnight for a thorough inquiry and full report.

THE LEAGUE CLUBS will not carry the customary large trunk and bat-bag on their trips next season. Each player will be obliged not only to carry a valise in which is packed his outfit, but will also have to look out for individual bat-bags, made of canvas or leather, each holding two bats. Each player will have to buy two complete uniforms at the opening of the season, which he must keep clean at his own expense, and any player failing to appear in a clean suit at each game will be fined. The League players are also required to wear white linen ties when on the field.

FRANK C. BANCROFT has reconsidered his determination of retiring from the baseball field, and has accepted a flattering offer from the Detroit Club to resume his former position as manager. The advantage of an official of his tact and ability has been practically illustrated by the pecuniary success under his management of the New Bedford in 1878, the Worcesterites in 1879 and 1880, and the Detroit in 1881.

THE R. E. LEE CLUB, strengthened by Foley and Flint as pitcher and catcher, proved too much for the Lone Stars on Jan. 22, when they played in New Orleans, La. The fielding throughout was good, but the Lees outbatted their opponents, and finally won by a score of 4 to 0.

Sam J. KELLY, an effective pitcher, and Charles C. Wallt, an excellent outfielder, are mentioned in connection with the new Philadelphia Club. These two well-known Philadelphia professionals have been engaged in business pursuits during the past two seasons.

ED. KENNEDY, who took part in 149 games of the 181 played by the Metropolitan Club last season, has credited himself with the largest record of games played by any one professional in a single season.

CRITCHLEY, favorably known by the reputation he achieved as a pitcher for the professional club of Albany, N. Y., has opened a sample and pool room at the corner of Steuben and James streets in that city.

THE PROVIDENCE CLUB expect to have a new right-fielder in a California player, Harry Wright will take up his residence in Providence, R. I., the latter part of February.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Providence Club was held Jan. 27, when the following officers were elected: President and secretary, Henry W. Winship; treasurer, M. B. Mead; assistant treasurer, Harry Wright; directors, H. B. Bloodgood, Newton Earle, Thos. C. Peckham, J. D. Thurston and C. F. Crawford. It was stated that less than \$500 would be needed to start the season with, and one-half of that amount was raised at the meeting. A communication from Denny was read, stating that he and Ward had found a short-stop and catcher in San Francisco, who handles Ward's delivery in fine form. He is a Spaniard. Ward wants to bring him East. Manager Wright has made arrangements to play a series of games in this city and in Philadelphia prior to the opening of the League season.

THE ONLY POSITION vacant in the Dartmouth College nine is that of pitcher, for which there will probably be four or five men in training during the Winter.

HINKS AND RYDER talk of visiting Havana, Cuba, and playing there until the season opens in this latitude.

FWLER, the well-known colored player of Lynn, Mass., is now pitching for the Pickwick Club of New Orleans, La.

EIGHTEEN MEN are training for the Princeton College nine of 1882.

CURLING.

THE GAME IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Chatham and Fredrickton Clubs visited St. John, N. B., last week, and the ice thereabouts being in good condition some sport was had with brooms and stones. On Jan. 26 a four-rink match was played by these clubs with the result shown below:

D. N. Loggie,	RINK No. 1.		
A. Harris,	R. Napier,		
D. Chesman,	D. Lee Rabbitt,		
G. L. Brittain, skip,	J. R. Grieses,	15	
	G. L. Smith, skip,		
John McDonald,	RINK No. 2.		
George Watt,	A. F. Randolph,		
P. H. C. Benson,	E. J. Arden,		
E. Hutchison, skip,	K. H. Allen,		
	M. J. McLaughlin, skip,	30	
T. Desbriary,	RINK No. 3.		
A. R. Johnston,	J. D. Hazen,		
Geo. I. Wilson,	J. D. McPherson,		
Wm. Wilson, skip,	J. S. Neill,		
	H. C. Rutter, skip,	12	
Total,	61	Total,	60
On the same day four rinks from the St. Andrews Club of			

On the same day four rinks from the St. Andrews Club of St. John played the Chathams, and were beaten by the score which follows:

T. Desbriary.	G. H. Flood.		
A. R. Johnston.	G. S. Macgregor.		
Geo. Wilson.	Alex. Watson.		
W. Wilson, skip.	13 U. V. Gregory, skip.	16	
	RINK No. 2.		
D. M. Loggie.	Joseph Edgar.		
A. Harris.	D. Thomson.		
D. Chesman.	W. H. Purdy.		
G. L. Brittain, skip.	12 R. Jones, skip.	8	
	RINK No. 3.		
W. P. Marquis.	G. W. Allen.		
Wm. Johnson.	J. T. Hart.		
Andrew Brown.	A. O. Skinner.		
R. Hutchison, skip.	13 G. R. De Forest, skip.	9	
	RINK No. 4.		
John McDonald.	John Thomas.		
Geo. Watt.	Alex. Thompson.		
F. H. C. Benson.	Geo. F. McLaughlin.		
D. G. Smith, skip.	17 Wm. Rutter, skip.	9	
Total.	67	Total.	42

The visiting curlers were entertained at dinner by the St. Andrews Club.

THE GORDON MEDAL.

The annual contest for the Gordon Medal took place Jan. 23, 24, at Yorkers, N. Y., and was participated in by clubs of this State and New Jersey. The severe cold snap had placed the ice in magnificent condition, and the hardy Scots minded not the keen, frosty air, but entered with zest into the sport and enjoyed themselves greatly. The result was the success of the Utica Club, who on the first day defeated the strong team of the Yorkers Club, cutting the latter out of the second round. The score follows:

W. F. Allen,	J. Kellock,	
W. B. Taylor,	J. Stewart,	
C. L. Taylor,	H. L. Garrison,	
Dr. Sloan, skip,	16 W. Kellock, skip,	13
Caledonian, New York,	Mumhalsin,	
J. B. Gilles,	W. Stewart,	
J. Fisher,	D. Hallantyne,	
J. Templeton,	J. C. McIndoe,	
David Muir, skip,	19 John Falconer, skip,	15
St. Andrews,	New York,	
H. Henderson,	John Smith,	
M. McDougall,	John Patterson,	
G. Henderson,	David Reid,	
L. McDonald, skip,	21 George Grieve, skip,	
Empire City,	Jerry City,	
J. Smiley,	R. A. McKnight,	
W. Crawford,	A. McKnight,	
L. McIntyre,	J. Low,	
J. F. Conley, skip,	22 J. Stevens, skip,	16
Thistle, New York,		
John Watts, skip.....	A bye,	
SECOND ROUNO.		
Empire City,	21 Thistle,	11
Caledonian,	25 St. Andrews,	11
Utica,	A bye,	11
Utica,	30 Empire City,	11
Utica,	17 Caledonian,	11

JERSEY CITY vs. UTICA.—A match between these clubs was played on Lafayette pond, just outside of Jersey City, on Jan. 25. The ice, under the influence of the moderating weather, had softened, and did not present a hard, smooth surface, besides which the curlers were interfered with during the latter part of the afternoon by a fall of soft snow, necessitating the constant and energetic application of the brooms. There were three rinks a side, four men to each, and the result was as follows: Jersey City—J. Love, skip, 19; J. Stevens, skip, 26; M. Simmons, skip, 38; total, 83. Utica—G. L. Taylor, skip, 27; W. F. Allen, skip, 22; Dr. Sloan, skip, 24; total, 73. The Thomson-Scottville medal was played for Jan. 26, at Toronto, Ont., by the Toronto and Buffalo (N. Y.) Clubs, the local players winning by a score of 143 to 97.

THE TURE.

NEW HORSE DISEASE.—A new and singular disease has broken out among the horses and mules in Ioscar and Fulton Counties, Ark., and large numbers are affected with it. The animal is first taken with lameness in the hip or shoulder, and this is followed by difficulty in breathing and lameness in all the feet. Thus far only a few cases are announced as having proved fatal, but the disease is said to be spreading.

TOP WEIGHTS IN ENGLISH EVENTS.—The cable informs us that the three top weights to be carried in the City and Suburban Handicap, run April 19, at Epsom, are: 135lb by J. R. Keene's Foxhall, 130lb by Sir J. D. Astley's Fox, and 126lb by P. Lorrill's Iroquois, and the modern top weights are 100lb and 96lb by Lorrill's Aranea and Gerald respectively. In the Great Metropolitan Stakes, run April 18, Iroquois carries second weight, 126lb. The distances are respectively 1 1/4 miles and 2 1/4 miles.

THE NASHVILLE (TENN.) BLOOD-HORSE ASSOCIATION were heavy losers by the recent flood, which swept away the stables and other buildings, and utterly ruined the race-course. This necessitates the giving up of the annual Spring meeting this year. The Association have decided to sell their present grounds, and a committee has been appointed to negotiate for the purchase of a new site.

THE MOWMOUTH PARK RACING ASSOCIATION announce their meetings for 1882 to be held on the following dates: First Summer meeting, July 1, 4, 8, 8; Midsummer meeting, July 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29, Aug. 2, 5; Second Summer meeting, Aug. 9, 12, 15, 17, 19. Not less than six races will be run each day, and extra days will be given up to Sept. 1, if desired by the owners of horses. The sum of \$85,000 will be given in added money.

LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH TO THE CLIPPER.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 30.
In L. E. Shewell's suit against John Stetson the verdict was in favor of the plaintiff, awarding him \$2,342.25. It is now asserted that Fred Vokes and George H. Tyler are to have the Gaiety Theatre, commencing Sept. 1. Rumor says that Jason Wentworth is to have a new theatre on Washington street near the Gaiety, which will be called by that name. It will have about the same seating capacity, and will be run on the same plan that he has conducted the present house, light musical performances prevailing. Mr. W. has done much for Boston in this line, and he is apparently determined to continue so doing. The Ideal "Patience" Company opened their single week's engagement at the Globe Theatre last night, to a very large audience. The opera was sung with its former cast with these exceptions: Harry Pepper as Grosvenor and Hattie Moore as Patience. The reception it met with from the audience was quite cordial. The best work in the piece was done by Hattie Moore (who made her reappearance in Boston after five years' absence) and Verona Jarbeau. The Boston Theatre held a good house. Den Thompson opened the second of his three weeks' engagement. Of "Arrah-na-Pogue" and Boucicault at the Boston Museum last night I can only repeat previous stories of a large house and great enthusiasm. At the Park Theatre last night, before a large audience, Maggie Mitchell opened the last week of her engagement, appearing as Cora in "The Little Savage." Of its first Boston representation it may be said that the audience at the Park gave it a fairly cordial reception, though it was evident the play is not so well suited to her as others in her repertory. The piece was mounted with new scenery, etc., and some very pretty music is noted. At the Gaiety Theatre the comic-opera season was resumed last night, and, before a fair-sized audience, "Girofio-Girofio" was sung, with Blanche Corelli as the twin sisters, Edward Connell as Mourzouk, Henry Moulton as Marasquin, W. J. Stanton as Don Belero, and Lillie Alliston as Aurora. The opera was sung in such a very poor manner that it might be considered a dress-rehearsal rather than a performance. Blanche Corelli was the only artist who deserved praise. At the Windsor Theatre last night Frank Frayne in "Si Slocum" had a fair house. The Howard Athenaeum was packed, and Langdon & Allison's Combination in "Swift and Sure" made a success. Hits in the specialty olio were made by Ripley and Reed and the Bookers. The Boyston Museum was crowded at yesterday's performance, and hits were made by Harry Richmond and Le Clair and Russell.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.
The Mapleson Opera Company opened their second week in Haverly's Theatre, the attendance being only fair on the lower floor, but the upper circles were well filled. "Carmen," "Rigoletto," "Lohengrin," "Fidelio," "Faust," and "Martha," in the order named, will conclude the season. At the Grand Opera-house Marie Gostingier began her second week with "La Belle Helene," to an audience which completely crowded the house. Her repertory for the week embraces "The Seamstress," "Die Fledermaus," "Camille," "Boccaccio," "The Royal Middy" and "Three Pairs of Shoes." Next week, Jefferys Lewis in "Two Nights in Rome." Anna Dickinson opened at McKivick's Theatre in "Hamlet" to a fairly-filled house. "The Lady of Lyons" and "Camille" will be presented during the engagement. "Only a Farmer's Daughter," with Adelaide Cherril as the star, was produced at Hooley's Theatre to a good house. Next week, Herne's "Hearts of Oak." The Olympic Theatre was crowded, Snelbaker's Specialty Company furnishing the attraction. In the company are Murray and Murphy, Erba Robeson, the three Vivian Sisters, the three Villons, Jennie Reese, Irvin Bush and Charles Reese, [The Villons, the Reeses and Irvin Bush were also billed at Miner's, Bowery, this city, last night, Jan. 30.—Ed.] Virgie Jackson, Little All Right, Varney and De Bar, Naomi and the Raymond Sisters. At the Academy of Music, Maditt and Bartholomew opened their second week with "The Comanches," to a large house. The olio embraces Charles and Gertie Seaman, T. F. Grant, Gusie McCain, the Halls, Laura Lee, the Hollywood Family, Lorber Brothers and Emma Laroux. Straight variety prevailed at the Lyceum Theatre, and was well patronized. The new appearances were the Fisher Brothers, Mlle. Eugenia, C. J. Williams, Madge Alston, Smith and Lawrence, Jennie Ward, J. H. Graham, Heffernan and Flynn, and Bernard McCredie. "Rosedale" was presented at the Halsted-street Opera-house to a good-sized audience. At the National Theatre, Charles Constantine in "The Dumb Boy of Genoa" opened to a fair house. The pantomime "Jack and Gill," with Andy Morris in the principal character, was produced at the Criterion Theatre, and was well patronized. The olio embraces Pell and Lewis, Lillie Ellis, the Donaldson Brothers and Frank Charvot. Collier & Elstein's German Company presented "Der See-cadet" at McKivick's Theatre last (Sunday) evening to a large audience. Manager Will J. Davis, who is in New York on business, is expected home Wednesday. C. R. Webster, manager of the Deadwood Opera-house, is in the city. The season of the Emma Leland Company closed Jan. 28 in Des Moines. Charles Sharp and Yanny Montecasse have returned to the city. J. P. Clark and Emma Whitliffe have joined the Florence Herbert Company. Oscar Wilde is due at Central Music Hall Feb. 13. J. Z. Little and his newly-organized company open in Detroit Feb. 13 in "Against the World." Phil Simmonds will sever his connection with the Genevieve Ward Company after this week. Ella Baker has brought suit against the management of the "Uncle Isaac" Company for breach of contract. Wright Huntington has been engaged as leading-man at the National Theatre, and Miss Helen Harold as subretrie. Herr Haase will return to this city and appear at McKivick's Theatre two Sunday evenings, Feb. 12 and 19. Miss Kate James of Council Bluffs, Ia., passed through this city Friday, en route to New Orleans, where she is to sing in "Faust" this evening, under the management of Strakosch. Marcus R. Mayer, business agent of Manager Abbey, was in town Saturday, and arranged for one grand concert by the Patti company, to be given in Central Music Hall Feb. 7. Prof. Hugo Schmitt took a substantial benefit last evening at Brand's Hall. It was arranged by the Freer Sengerband Society. The Holman English-opera Company report that they are meeting with gratifying success through Michigan and Wisconsin. Miss Hattie Starr left for Milwaukee last Saturday to join the Main Opera Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 30.
A very large business was done at the respective theatres to-night, the lion's share falling to the California, where "The World" was produced for the first time at that house. It was placed on the stage with careful attention to details, and the many exciting scenes as they were presented elicited hearty applause from a crowded audience. Harry Colton was engaged at brief notice to play the role of Harry Huntington. During the run of this drama matinees are to be given Wednesday and Saturdays. As Othello W. E. Sheridan opened the week auspiciously at the Baldwin Theatre. During the week "Hamlet," "Richard III," "The Marble Heart," and "Richard III" will be given. "King John" is underlined for Feb. 6. Leavitt's All Star Novelty Company continues to crowd the Bush-street Theatre, and, instead of losing its attractiveness, it has apparently grown in favor. The troupe has been engaged for another week. Selbini, alone a host, has managed to win a large share of popularity. During the latter part of the week Annie Hughes was unable to appear. The Lingards are to open in "The Money-spinner" Feb. 13.

.....Charley Reed as Mulcahey in "Muldoon's Picnic" made his first appearance to-night at the Standard Theatre, playing to fair business. Gus Bruno is in the cast. Judging from the reception of the piece, its success is problematical. Emerson's Minstrels are in Sacramento, Carson and Virginia City this week. The variety theatres presented no especially new features to-night. "The Lily of Killarney" is underlined for Feb. 2 at the Winter Garden. Jennie Lee will remain here until the sailing of the next Australian steamship. M. A. Kennedy is very ill.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 30.
At Robinson's Opera-house Genevieve Ward in "Forget-me-not" was greeted to-night by a good-sized audience. "The World" at the Grand Opera-house opened to a good house. Jay Rial's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" party opened at the Coliseum to a large audience. Hyde & Behman's Specialty Company at Heuck's Opera-house opened to good-sized audience. John R. Shay, an old circus-manager, and father of Charley Shay, died yesterday, at his residence in this city.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 30.
Geo. E. Stevens' "Uncle Tom" Company played Jan. 27, 28, Muskegon 31, Big Rapids Feb. 1, Stanton 2, St. Louis 3, Ionia 4, Owassa 5. "Uncle Isaac" was played in Grand Rapids 30, 31. Route: Jackson Feb. 1, Detroit 2, 3, 4, Indianapolis 5, 6, 7, Vincennes 9, Evansville 10. Ada Gray's Combination is to be in Niles Feb. 1, Kalamazoo 2, Battle Creek 3, Jackson 4, Grand Rapids 6, 7, Big Rapids 8, Muskegon 9, Greenville 10, Lansing 11.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 30.
Rose Eyttinger appeared at the People's Theatre last evening as Felicia to a crowded house. Haverly's European Mastodons closed at the Grand Opera-house to a large attendance. Rossi opened in Pope's Theatre to-night in "Hamlet" to a very light audience. Fanny Davenport presented "The School for Scandal" to a fair audience. Emma Abbott's Troupe in "Martha" drew a full house to the Grand Opera-house to-night. Muldoon, Chrystal and Messenger packed Escher's Alhambra at double prices.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 30.
B. McAuley returned to the Academy of Music this evening for a three nights' engagement, presenting the new comedy written for him by E. A. Locke called "Mayberry's Girl." A large audience was in attendance and the play was well received. Mr. McAuley being called before the curtain after the third act. The Adelphi opened the week to a crowded house.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 30.
Edwin Clifford's company closed a week's engagement here Jan. 28. Route: Small towns in this State. "The World" Company opened 30 to a big house. They play again to-morrow, then Kansas City Feb. 1, 2, 3, 4, Topeka 6, 7, St. Joseph 8, 9, Leavenworth 10, Ft. Scott 11. "Fun on the Bristol" is to be here Feb. 1. The sale of seats is large.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 30.
Lotta opened at Macanley's to a large house, and took well in "Bob." Haverly's European Mastodons at the Masonic Temple played to good business. Leon, Billy Rice and the Dockstaders making hits. The variety show at the Buckingham did not draw a full house.

VARIETY HALLS.

THE PARKER TWIN BROTHERS, song-and-dance artists, 15 years old and only 4 ft. 5 in. high, publish their address in another column.

SPECIALTY LADIES, also ladies for first-part and ballet-dancers, are wanted by A. S. Treloar, who advertises.

J. K. JOHNSON, song-writer, composer, etc., gives his address in our business department.

BANJO-PLAYING and dancing are taught by mail as per D. M. Erwin's card.

JOHN F. BYRNE's grotesque and acrobatic dancing is highly spoken of by Manager C. R. Gilmore, Zoo Theatre, Indianapolis, Ind., whose endorsement see in another column.

HARRY LA VERA, gymnast, denies that he was recently married to Miss Amy Santley, as was reported. He is still a bachelor.

AT THE OPERA-HOUSE, Richmond, Va., says our correspondent, "crowded houses ruled the past week. Clara Smith and the Crowley Sisters did not open as announced. The Laiscel Family, who made a decided hit, and Prof. Burt Queen, ventriloquist, were the newcomers. 26. Johnny Ryan, acrobat, of that city, has joined the Laiscel Family. Bob Watson's complimentary benefit 27 proved a success. George De Barre, gymnast, was presented with a handsome signet ring by his friends. 24. Gus Warren has been appointed business and stage manager. Departure 29. Prof. Burt Queen. To have opened 30. Madame Lavelly and the Crowley Sisters."

AT THE THEATRE COMIQUE, Richmond, Va., the Laiscel Family opened Jan. 23, and closed the same night owing to a private misunderstanding. Viola Rose and Ned Long are announced for 30. No departures. Business fair.

FRANK JONES, Alice Montague, Frank White, Lillian White, and the Russells were the newcomers at the Adelphi, Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 30. Mollie Wilson, who has been in with a cold in Buffalo, N. Y., since 23, has recovered, and resumed her engagement at the Adelphi 30. Left 28: T. M. Hengler, the Daytons, George Melnotte, De Witt Cooke, the Moore Sisters, Gallagher and West.

SPECIALTY ARTISTS, curiosities, etc., are wanted for a new museum, which is to be opened in Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 2. Apply to Wells & Smith, proprietors, whose address find in another column.

THE OLIO at the American Theatre, Hartford, Ct., Jan. 30, contained Perry, Magrew, Curdy and Hughes, Kitty McDermott, Karoly and Augusta Ordey, Helen Courtland, Charles and Annie Whiting, and Crossley and Elder. Closed 28: The Lamartine Bros., Ada Forrest, Harry Blakely, the Cawthorns, Drayton, Carrie Lavigne, Naomi the juggler, and J. B. Drylyn.

DISBANDED.—Anthony, Ellis & Hathaway's Variety Aggregation gave two performances in St. James Hall, Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 28, to poor attendance. The company disbanded after the evening performance. It is announced that they will reopen Feb. 21 in Brooklyn.

LOUIS & WOOD'S NEW CIRCUS, Dallas, Texas, which was opened Jan. 28, is reported as doing a good business. Harry F. Seymour is the manager.

ALBERT DEAN, ventriloquist, who has just closed with Prof. Hartz, can be engaged with a combination for the remainder of the season. See card.

NOVELTIES are wanted by Hyde & Behman, who advertises. The date open is Feb. 2. C. R. Gilmore's Zoo, Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 28, were Frank Lester, S. B. McMurray, Gibson and Hamlin, Allie Jackson, Sunlin Bros., Walker Sisters, Walter Allen, John F. Byrne and Sam Roberts. Bessie Bell had a disagreement with the management and retired after her first night (28). Billed for 30 were the Sheerans, Kelly and O'Brien, Orm, Dickson, Jimmie Jerome, Lottie Cushman, H. W. Egan, Spencer, Sartell and Bunell and Ada Elliott.

THE KENTZ-SANTLEY NOVELTY COMPANY closed a week's engagement Jan. 28 at the New Park Theatre, Detroit, Mich., standing room only being announced nightly before the rise of the curtain. Route: Albany, N. Y., Jan. 30, one week. Hyde & Behman's "Muldoon's Picnic" opened 30 for a week. THE ORIGINAL FOUR SHAMROCKS—Conroy, Daly, Thompson and Daly—were each presented with a solid gold ring by their Philadelphia admirers at the New National Theatre Jan. 27.

AT SMITH'S OPERA-HOUSE, Grand Rapids, Mich., Tim Starin, Debbie Rickling, Jesse Boyd and the Halls closed Jan. 28. J. R. Weaver, Walter Mack, Maud Sligh, Ada Elliott and Belle Cushing were to have appeared 30.

MEXICAL AND TRAMP Dutch song-and-dance and sketch artists, introducing a burlesque sparring act, are now playing in the third month of their engagement at the Novelty Theatre, Austin, Texas. They will return North in April. See card.

THE LONDON, Cincinnati, continues to enjoy good patronage. The new people Jan. 30 were the Sunlin Brothers, Allie Jackson and Nellie Roberts. Departures 28: Lillie Graham, Rose Hall and Bernard McCredie.

AT THE ELIZABETH, Cincinnati, Baker and Monock and the Four Luminaries closed Jan. 28. No other changes announced. THE MUSICIANS of the Vine-street Opera-house, Cincinnati, who lost their instruments at the fire, benefited at the London, that city, Jan. 27, and were the recipients of quite a sum of money.

CHARLEY SMITH, ex-manager of the Vine-street Opera-house, who took the Muldoon-Whistler party to St. Louis, returned to Cincinnati last week.

THE BASKETT tendered James Douglas at Heuck's Opera-house, Cincinnati, Jan. 26, was well attended, and realized a handsome sum for the beneficiary, who is still confined to his room at the Globe Hotel in that city.

AT COSLEY'S VARIETY THEATRE, St. Paul, Minn., the new people announced for Jan. 30 were Frank Carlton, Lillie Carroll and Bessie Carlton. Closing Jan. 28: Jerry Cunningham, Grace Barron and Elif Melville. Emma Vennetta closed abruptly on her opening night, 29. Business is reported as very fair.

AT THE CRITERION THEATRE, Chicago, Ill., the pantomime of "Jack and Gill" was produced Jan. 30. In the olio are Pell and Lewis, Lillie Ellis, the Donaldson Brothers, Frank Charvot and Andy Morris. "Grizzly Adams" was withdrawn 29. Departures: Andy McKee and Alf. Barker, Walter Mack and the Dutch Mendels.

THE NEW PACES of the Lyceum Theatre, Chicago, Ill., Jan. 30, were the Fisher Brothers, Mlle. Eugenia, C. J. Williams, Madge Alston, Smith and Lawrence, Jennie Ward, J. H. Graham, Heffernan and Flynn, and Bernard McCredie. Departures 29: The Karl Brothers and E. Baldwin, Pell and Lewis, Shimer and Bingham, Nellie St. John, the Le Petrus, and Dan Sully.

THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, Chicago, Ill., the attractions Jan. 30 were Maffi and Bartholomew in "The Comanches," and an olio embracing Charles and Gertie Seaman, T. F. Grant, Gusie McCain, the Halls, Laura Lee, the Hollywood Family, Lorber Brothers and Emma Laroux. Departures 29: Nora Sigerson, El Nino Eddie, Maude Leigh, Williams and Pickert, Charles H. Duncan and Kelly and O'Brien.

THE AVENUE THEATRE, Washington, D. C., which has been undergoing reconstruction for several months past, was opened Jan. 30 as the Capital Theatre, under the management of Jake Budd. An entire new front has been added to the building, which now presents a handsome appearance. The interior has been remodeled, and when the finishing touches are put on it will present a decidedly cozy appearance. It is heated by two large hot-air furnaces. The orchestra floor has been supplied throughout with new iron opera-chairs, and will seat about 600. The gallery will seat about the same. A new drop-curtain of fine red cloth adds greatly to the appearance of the stage. The dressing-rooms are all on the floor beneath the stage, where the green room also has been located. The prices of admission have been fixed as follows: Orchestra, 35c, 50c, 75c; gallery, 25c; matinee prices, 35, 25 and 15 cents. It is promised that nothing but the best variety entertainments and first-class combinations will be presented at this house. The old orchestra of the Theatre Comique, with Wm. E. Slafer as leader, has been transferred here without change. The officers of the house are: Jake Budd, manager; William O. Neal, treasurer; Orlando Harris, Richard Thompson, Thomas Horton, John Ronalds, Naomi, Frank Wright, the Esthetic Quintet and Wm. C. Turner.

AT WARD'S OPERA-HOUSE, Fall River, Mass., the arrivals Jan. 30 were the Leonzo Brothers and Flynn and Enson.

AT THE PALACE THEATRE, Denver, Col., the departures Jan. 29 were Dooley and Tenbrooks and Christie Morrell. Arrivals 30: Baker and Gardner, J. G. Fletcher, and Sadie Wilton. The HAZARD Opera House, Bridgeport, Ct., the arrivals Jan. 30 were the Bingers, the Howes, Geo. Callahan, Charles Wilson and Geo. Vance. Closed 29: The Harts, Charles Knight, Wayne and Devaney and Billy Blair.

CHAS. MCCARTHY and George Monroe, whose sketch of "Grogan's Chinese Laundry" is one of the features of the performance given by Hyde & Behman's "Muldoon Picnic" Feb. 2, George Monroe also making a hit at Mulcahey in the "Picnic," can be addressed in care of this office.

THE PARLOP OPERA-HOUSE, New Haven, Ct., a small place fitted up in neat style, and giving quick variety, pantomime and illusion entertainments, with daily matinees, is reported to be doing a good business. The proprietors, Messrs. Fechner Bros., have a specialty troupe on the road. Performers can address them as per advertisement.

WARD, WAMBOOLD & PIERCE'S DIMENSION show exhibited in Brockton, Mass., the past week, opened in New Bedford 30, for a week; thence to Worcester Feb. 6, Woonsocket 13, for like periods. The troupe includes Chalet, Ned Wambold, May Arnold, Charles Frey and Florence Marshall, Etta Wambold, John H. Byrne, May Stanley, Lillian Deane and a brass band of six pieces.

JOHN J. SKELTON of Sellen and Burns, who has been confined to his home in this city the past week by a severe attack of pleurisy, is now convalescing.

CARRIE SWAIN will star next season in a new piece now being written for her, and she can be addressed in care of this office.

ARTISTS OF ABILITY are wanted at Miller's New Theatre, Philadelphia, Pa., which is now managed by John Clark, who advertises.

THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, Erie, Pa., will be reopened Feb. 27, and first-class performers are wanted; also a leader of orchestra and a piano and a cornet player. Address E. S. Hubbell, proprietor.

AT THE BUCKINGHAM THEATRE, Louisville, Ky., Jan. 30 the following people opened for the week: Bolton and Bradford, Stella Martin, Reliance and Alton, the Daytons, Milligan and Bennett, Irene Sumner, Zola Zorretta, Mons. Searles, Mlle. Vennetti, John Klotz, Emma Verne, Sam Roberts, Clara Boyle, Heath and Lotta Zoe, Gibson and Hamlin, Emma Goodrich and Mlle. Walcott. Hyde & Behman's Star Specialty Co. closed 27, after a week of fine business. They go to Cincinnati 30, Chicago Feb. 6, one week in each.

SEELBACHER'S SPECIALTY COMPANY opened at the Olympic Theatre, Chicago, Ill., Jan. 30. Hyde & Behman's Comedy Company closed a successful week 29. They opened in Detroit, Mich., 30, for one week, and are due in Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 6, and in New York City 13, one week each.

HARRY McAVOY was presented Jan. 25 by his wife Emma with an 11th boy.

AT THE GRAND CENTRAL THEATRE, Philadelphia, Jan. 30 were the following: Moss, Madame and Master Garretta, Ella Wesner, John and Lottie Burton, the Three Milos, Yai Vose, Chas. A. Gardner, Charley Reynolds, Katie Cooper, Lillie Hall and Chas. Postelle. Attendance on above date very large, as it was all last week. Chas. H. Yale, stage-manager, will close Feb. 4, to go to the Bijou, the new variety theatre shortly to be opened in Indianapolis. Manager Gilmore will assume the direction of the stage in person, for a time at least.

The ticket-selling case, already reported in these columns, is being held over until Pearson, who is believed to be the chief culprit, can be captured, he having left. Wm. J. Beecher, a ticket-speculator, has sued proprietor Wm. Gallagher for malicious prosecution. Gallagher caused his arrest because he was suspected of complicity in the ticket-selling, but he was promptly discharged, Gallagher failing to make out a case against him; hence the suit.

MILLER'S NEW THEATRE, Philadelphia, was well attended Jan. 30, the company for the week then commencing consisting of Zittella, Chas. Redmond and George Blake, Morella Bros., Wood and Regan, Belle Fairmount, Viola Clifton, whose beautiful face and figure have created a furore, and J. O. Hall. Harry D. Gulon has retired from the business and stage management, and been succeeded by John Clarke, formerly of Tony Pastor's, N. Y.

SONGS, dramas, burlesques, etc., are written to order by Wm. B. Watts, whose address find in another column.

Q. C. BROWN Jr. and Alexander Paul, managers of the Eighth-street Theatre, Philadelphia, have obtained a three years' lease of the Concordia Operetta Theatre, that city, and will open it on Feb. 13 as a first-class variety hall, under the name of the American Theatre. The whole place is now being renovated and beautified. A new entrance, which was begun several months ago by John F. Betz, a wealthy brewer, who owns the building, is now nearly completed, and when finished it will be one of the handsomest entrances to a theatre to be found in America. It occupies the northeast corner of Crown and Callowhill streets, and there are doors leading into it from both of those thoroughfares. These doors are eight feet wide, while the width of the hallway into which they lead is eleven feet. The walls have a wainscoting of solid black walnut five feet deep and laid off in panels, above which the walls are beautifully frescoed in figures, and ornamented with a frieze from which handsome designs in plaster of Paris stand out in bas-relief. The woodwork above the wainscoting is painted a china gloss white, relieved by gold. On the left hand as you enter from Crown street is the box-office, which is of solid black walnut elaborately carved. Leading up to the auditorium is a nine-foot-wide staircase, having, about half-way up, a landing eleven feet square. At the head of this staircase is a French-plate mirror 8 feet by 12. There are three magnificent chandeliers, one between the street doors and the staircase, one just before the staircase landing is reached, and one of 24 lights from the dome, which is 8 feet in diameter and rises its head 17 feet above the landing at the head of the staircase to the left of which as you approach the auditorium is the ladies' parlor, which occupies the entire northeast corner of the building, and has numerous windows looking out upon both Front and Callowhill streets. It is about thirty-five feet square, and leading off from it in its southeastern corner is an elegantly fitted-up toilet-room for ladies. On the other side of the staircase is the auditorium for the worship of Biechus. The auditorium has been redecorated, repainted, refrescoed and in every way beautified and improved. The floor has been changed so as to cause it to incline from front to back in such a way as to give a good view of the stage from all parts of the house. The executive of the establishment will be Brown & Paul, proprietors; Fred Alms, manager; A. R. Bradshaw, late of the Walnut street and Eighth-street Theatres, business-manager. Negotiations are now pending with Tony Pastor to induce him to open the house with a company of his own.

CHAS. DIAMOND, Gilson and Welsh, Rooney and Barry, Maggie Le Claire, Emma Leon, Venus Elwood, Edmond Sisters and Maud Kearney fill the bill at the International Comique, Philadelphia, this current week. They drew largely Jan. 30. For the week ending Jan. 28 the audiences were excellent.

MISS ST. GEORGE HUSKEY requests us to deny a rumor that has gained circulation that she is about to be married to John Patterson the clown.

A DUTCH COMEDIAN, song-and-dance teams and others are wanted for Hamilton's Novelty Company, as advertised. Frank L. Williams is referred particularly to this card.

SUP. C. FRANCIS, who was injured in the face by the accidental explosion of a gun-cartridge in Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 24, states that he will be able to resume his professional duties in about two weeks.

AT HYDE & BEHMAN'S THEATRE, Brooklyn, L. I., the "Muldoon's Blunders" Combination opened Jan. 30 to large business. Closed 28: The Big Four Combination.

FRANK and Jessie Lechman, two burlesque comedians, Sophie Saunders and troupe and Millette were the arrivals Jan. 30 at the Broadway Theatre, Brooklyn, L. I. Departures 28: Fanny Herring, Walton and Edwards, Reilly and Collins, and Nellie Anson.

HARRY BLACK, ventriloquist, is meeting with success in his specialty, and has been re-engaged at several houses where he has recently performed. See card.

THE BOYLSTON MUSEUM, Boston, Mass., continued to hold big houses last week. Departures Jan. 28: Farrell and Ryan, Ward and Lynch, and the three Milo Brothers. Opened 30: Harry Richmond, Will H. and James Vane, and Mabel Vaughan.

JOINED.—Emma De Voy of the Four Luminaries and Geo. F. Berger Jr., a non-professional of Cincinnati, O., were married Jan. 25 by the Rev. A. Vose.

WALTER MACK, change artist, informs us that he and Grace Marston, song-and-dance, were married in Danville, Ill., Jan. 19.

THE HILLIER & TURNER COMBINATION is to commence a tour in North East, Pa., Feb. 1, remaining there 2, and going to Girard 3, Ravenna, O., 6, 7, 8. The troupe includes Lew Turner and his wife, the Bickers, Ripley and E. T. Webb, black-wire and juggler; Silas Berry, general agent; and E. Webster, assistant.

THE FOUR LUMINARIES—W. H. Mayo, Larry Smith and the De Voy Sisters—announce their first open card as March 13. They can be addressed care of this office.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATRE, San Antonio, Texas, the chieftainship of the past week were John Johnson, Swail, May Marshall, billed as "Barium" \$20,000 Beauty, who received the above prize as the handsomest woman in the world.—Lizzie Jackson, Jessie Forrester, Ida Brevoort, Alice Somers, Lou Douglas, Frank Sparrow and Nellie Girling.

AT THE HOWARD ATHENEUM, Boston, Mass., last week Snelbaker's Majestic Consolidation company of variety people drew big houses at every performance. The troupe took a special train to Albany, N. Y., at the close of its first performance Jan. 28, and went direct from Albany to Chicago, where they opened Jan. 30. This week, at the Howard, Langdon & Allison's "Swift and Sure" Combination, with William T. Stephens, Minnie Oscar Gray and the performing dogs, are the attractions. The play is preceded by a specialty olio, in which Edward and Alice Clark, the "high-kickers," just arrived from England, the Bookers, Ripley and E. T. Webb, the Davenport Brothers and Mills and Warren appear.

FRANK Wright's successful burlesque on "Michael Stroug" will, says our correspondent, "be revived next week, with a big variety bill offered in conjunction. Manager Harris is a busy man of late. He has had Charles Postelle's "Mrs. Partington" entirely reconstructed, and has just completed the company, which, as before reported, will close out the road Feb. 6. The company now includes Mr. Postelle, Manager Dunn (who plays like), Jennie Darrab, Belle Remick, Joseph H. Keene, J. W. Power, Joseph Nagle and H. T. Gibson. Mr. T. Charles Howard is the acting-manager, and Mr. R. O. Gilroy the advance-agent. Then Mr. Harris is busy on "Cezalia," the new play by Hoyt of The Boston Post, in which John E. Ince will assume the leading part, and which will also be sent on the road, after it receives its first production at the Globe Theatre in this city, about May. Then, besides, we hear it announced that Mr. Harris will keep the Howard open during the whole of next summer, and has already engaged Nat Goodwin for four weeks in June. Charles Melville, business-manager of the Barry & Fay "Muldoon's Picnic" Company, was presented by Manager Harris with a gold-headed cane last week."

CONCERNING THE DEATH of Tommy Zorella, which was reported in our past issue by one San Francisco, Cal., correspondent, the last named has sent us the following additional particulars: The Zorella Brothers were practicing in the pavilion of Woodward's Gardens. Their apparatus consisted of a long ladder with three bars, hanging from the roof, some forty feet above the floor, a flying-trapeze and a large netting about nine feet below the ladder and about twenty-five feet above the ground. George Zorella was hanging to the ladder by the toes, head down, and the deceased was swinging by his hands on the trapeze. The feat is to swing thus, and then, letting go, turn a somersault and catch George Zorella's hands. The leap was about ten feet. Tommy had tried this several times, but had failed and fallen into the netting without injury. On this occasion he struck George Zorella's elbows in his leap, was turned on his side, and fell into the netting on his face. As he laid motionless in the net aid, was quickly at hand, the netting cut down, and Tommy taken out. He was found to be bleeding at the nose, and apparently realized that something serious had happened, for he exclaimed feebly: "Oh, George, I'm dead this time. I'll never do anything in the air again." A surgeon was summoned, and everything possible done for the wounded man (who was suffering from cerebral hemorrhage), but in vain. He had attained great skill in mid-air feats, but never could, without occasional failure, perform the act which even with the protection of a netting cost him his life. An inquest was held on the body Jan. 30, and the jury rendered a verdict of accidental death.

THOMAS WARD, performing with Charles O'Brien under the title of the O'Brien brothers, while fulfilling an engagement in Providence, R. I., the past week, received a telegram Jan. 27 stating that his two-year-old baby died that morning in this city. Mr. Ward left at once for New York, and Mr. O'Brien attempted to perform alone that night, but the thought of his partner's distress so confused him that he had to leave the stage.

LAHAINE, aerial artist, closes a two years' engagement with Heywood's Mastodons Feb. 4. He can be addressed in care of this office.

HEYWOOD'S MASTODONS have been doing an excellent business during their tour, and their performances are highly praised in newspaper extracts published in another department. Good Ethiopian comedians and vocalists are wanted for this show.

A CARD from C. O. White praises the performances of Billy Diamond as given at the Park Theatre, Detroit, Mich., recently.

ANDY AMMAN, Billy D'Oma, Grace Burton, Rose Hall, and the Quinlet Children were to have opened at the Tivoli Garden, Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 30. Closed 28: Carroll and Walters, and Maggie Le Clair.

BARRY & FAY'S COMEDY COMPANY opened at the Academy of Music, Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 30, for one week. Closed 28: Hyde & Behman's Combination, having played to fair business.

FRED VALAT opened the La Fayette Theatre, Carondelet (South St. Louis), Jan. 19, and has since been doing an excellent business. Frank L. Goff is the business manager, and Samuel Gilder, stage-manager. Their attractions so far have consisted of Alice Napier, Wild Harry, the Princess Nesheemocha, Marren and Parry, Barretto and Orville, Laura Sherrington, Mlle. Estelle, Ella Mitchell and Master Oscar Hall.

SPECIALTY ARTISTS are wanted at the Buckingham Theatre, Louisville, Ky. Address J. H. Whallen, manager.

JOHN PENNY, with Jeffery Warner, returned to his variety engagements Jan. 30, after filling, successfully, various roles with dramatic companies. They travel with Cool Burgess' Singing Party this spring.

MAX KURTZ, an old-time performer, is incredibly ill with consumption, and appeals to professionals for assistance. Contributions can be sent to him at 1,311 Brandywine street, Philadelphia, Pa.

CHARLES J. GREGORY, of the Gregory Brothers, was presented by his wife, Jan. 25, with a daughter.

HYDE & BEHMAN'S COMEDY COMPANY played "Mildred's Picnic" to a 400-house, it is said, in Lebanon, Pa., Jan. 27.

THE FUNNY SIX—Lester, Allen, Seamon, Somers and the Girard Brothers—with W. F. Carroll and Dan Collier in "Mildred's Excursion," appear to have made a ten-strike in Washington, D. C. C. P. Hall is the business manager. They can be addressed care of Tony Pastor's Theatre, this city.

CORRESPONDENTS and specialty people are wanted by Manager R. Fitzgerald, as per card.

NEGO MINSTRELS.

EMERSON'S MINSTRELS opened in Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 30, for one week.

A PARTY styling themselves "The Gigantic All-star Minstrel Company" were to have left San Francisco for Oregon Jan. 24, for that State and British Columbia. The troupe is under the management of J. P. Howe, and consists in part of R. G. Allen, bachelorette; Sam Dearn, George C. Thompson, Joe Taylor and Henri Stewart, a brass-band, and the ten clog-dancers recently appearing with Emerson's Minstrels.

GEORGE FREEMAN, the mail-agent of Haverly's European Minstrels, was presented with a silver-coin tenor horn, said to be valued at \$200, Jan. 23, at the performance of the troupe at St. Louis, just before the performance commenced. This token of the company's esteem was given to show their appreciation of his care and attention in handling their letters and papers.

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"WILLIE EDGINS'S SPARKS COMPANY, which succeeded Maverry's "Strategists" in the Bijou Opera-house Jan. 16, terminated their season 28; "Dreams, or Fun in a Photograph Gallery," having been the sole attraction.

"THE WORLD" is to be played in the Grand Opera-house for three weeks, beginning March 13.

SEE WON HER SUIT.—Mrs. George V. Rowe brought a suit against Wm. J. Conley and James Barton Key, the managers of the Grand Opera House, to recover \$600 for breach of contract. The plaintiff claimed that on Sept. 13, 1880, she began an engagement to act as first old-woman in the play of "Lawn-Tennis" for thirty weeks, at a salary of \$45 a week; that the defendants discontinued the play on Dec. 22 following, and, although she continued ready and willing to perform her part of the engagement, the defendants refused to accept her services or pay her her salary. The defendants denied making an engagement for any definite number of weeks, admitted that plaintiff played the part of Mrs. Dall in the play named, and asserted that when they found it necessary to withdraw it they had no further use for the plaintiff's services. The jury gave the lady a verdict for \$400.

"MIS FAVAR" is drawing fairly good business to Haverly's Fifth-avenue Theatre. It will continue the bill until Saturday evening, when "Manola, or Blonde and Brunette," an adaptation of Leconte de Lisle's "Le Jour et la Nuit," which has made a big hit in Paris, will be the bill, with Lewis, Leslie and others of the present company in the cast. It is announced for one week only.

THE STANLEY THEATRE had a very large attendance on Monday evening, and "Patience" shows no signs of an early decline. The society recently given at Chickering Hall has no doubt given to the Standard version increased interest, and, in consequence, the management have not the slightest idea when they will give "Claude Duval" a chance for popularity.

A VERY LARGE AUDIENCE was present at Harry Miner's Eighth-avenue Theatre on Monday evening, Jan. 30, when a number of Irish attractions were on the programme, embracing the Irish comedians and dancers, Sweeney and Ryland, in "Peaks"; Jen, George and Dan Powers, solo artists, in dialect songs, etc.; Perry and Lulu Ryan in artistic songs and dances; the Irish sketch-artists, John and Lea Peadar, in their amusing sketch entitled "Patrick's Day"; Miss Nellie Nelson, vocalist; Miss Fannie Beane and Charles Gilday in songs, dances and mirth-provoking sayings and doings; Miss Minnie Lee in a budget of pleasing ballads; Farrell and Ryan, dialect sketch artists; E. C. Dunbar, Milwaukee Minstrel; the two Clarks, large and small, in songs and dances; Ward and Lynch, Irish specialty artists; and the sensational drama "Dashing Charlie, or the Prairie Boy," with Charles E. Emmett in the title-role.

THE EQUINE PARADOX—Bartholomew's educated horses—give their performances every evening and at Wednesday and Saturday matinees at the Aquarium, and very clever animals they are, too.

PLACES OF AMUSEMENT are not likely to be benefited by the northeast show-storm, which began at an early hour on Tuesday morning and continued all day.

"THE MONEY SPINNER" is not spinning money so freely at Wallace's as the management had anticipated.

"THE LIGHTS OF LONDON" continue to attract large audiences to the Union-square Theatre, where the good work of the carpenters and the scenic-artists has done more for the play than the play has done for itself.

A COMPANY composed in the main of ladies and gentlemen regularly engaged by the management of the Union-square Theatre, and who were recently seen in "The Danicheffs" at the Grand Opera-house, on Jan. 30 commenced at Niblo's Garden a series of performances of plays upon which the seal of public approval had already been set. "The Banker's Daughter" constituted the initial production, and the audience, which assembled to witness it more than half filled the theatre. With the characters personated by such talented artists as James O'Neill, M. V. Lingham, Walden Ramsay, M. Fiske, Owen Fawcett, Miss Maud Grainger, Miss Virginia Buchanan and Miss Nettie Gulton the representation could not fail to prove highly satisfactory, and the audience was generous in bestowal of applause that was well deserved. The piece will be presented nightly during the current week, and will be followed by "The Danicheffs," "The Two Orphans," "A Celebrated Case," "Rose Michel" and "The False Friend."

"L'ARRIERE," an alleged comic-opera, in two acts, by W. C. McCreery, which received its first representation in St. Louis, Mo., last May, was heard at the Bijou Jan. 30. To say the least, the performance fell flat, and towards the last it came a very dreary affair, in which the only joke was that the name comic should ever have been attached to it. This is due in greater part to the libretto, which is a very weak affair. The story we have told before. The composer has done better with the music, which is interesting in a few numbers, notably several of the concerted pieces. The great fault with it, musically, is its monotony, and the audience's foundation of a thin orchestral scoring. The composer, we believe, scored the vocal part, while the instrumentation is the work of a local musician of St. Louis, with suggestions by Jessie Williams. In its present form the opera can hardly look for success in this city. The cast included F. W. Lennox, Philip Branson, who made a favorable impression, as the first appearance of a good, resonant tenor voice and fair acting, showing ability enough to give him a better mark in the future, when he shall have had more experience; Harry Standish, E. S. Grant, J. S. Percival, Marie Glover, her first appearance in this city, who overacted in an amateurish way and sang only passably, although her score was hardly calculated to display any vocal powers; and towards the last, a little lady, whose debut here shows that she is an amateur both in voice and action, but one fully entitled to consideration for her earnest endeavors to make the piece a "go." The chorus was excellent and the redeeming feature of the performance.

ROBERT—Willie Edouin, of the Sparks Company, was robbed of twenty-five hundred dollars while he was at the theatre on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 24. The money was taken from his room at the hotel where he was stopping at the time.

HARRY MINER'S BOWERY THEATRE was crowded Jan. 30, when the entertainment was given by Mason and Titus in "Shadowgraphs," Delvan and Tracy in their Irish specialties, Al. W. Filson and E. C. Erol in the comedy-sketch called "Kink," Jessie Warner in club-songs, "Fantasy Knight" in popular melodies; Bryant and Saville in duets and solos upon a variety of musical instruments; Griffen and Marks in acrobatic songs-and-dances; Morton and Cassidy in the Teutonic interlude, "Straus' Brewery;" Jennie Reese, Irvin Bush and Charles Reese in vocal trios, medley and camp-meeting melodies; Mary Horton in bird-manipulations and feats of magic; the Virginia Trio—Tanner, Welch and Harris—in the sketch "Hannah's Serenade;" the Horse-shoe Four—the Love Sisters, Frank B. Carr and J. J. Quinlan—in their burlesque entitled "The Actor's Family;" the Villion Troupe—Mile. Elise, Sig. Mendoza and W. Villion—in bicycle-riding; and A. H. Sheldon as Pickwick Muggleton in the concluding comedy called "Mugdooon in New York."

THE STANLEY THEATRE presented at Park's Garden Theatre Jan. 30 were the musical act of Wood, Bosley and the Weston Brothers, the Ethiopian eccentricities of Uool Burgess, the acrobatic songs-and-dances of the Durrell Twin Brothers, the Irish parodies of Mealey and Mackey, the comicities of Morton and Bryant, the Hebrew impersonations of Hettlinger and Nibbe, the operatic selections of Rita Keller, the Hungarian songs and instrumental pieces of Clara, and the concluding sensational drama entitled "Face to Face," in which J. K. Keane sustained the leading role, Our Ned, Manager Parker's annual benefit on the afternoon and evening of Jan. 28 was well attended, despite the stormy weather.

HAVELY'S FOURTEENTH-STREET THEATRE was very meagerly patronized Jan. 30, although the bill, which entered upon its second and last week. This piece marks a failure when produced in Daly's Theatre during a summer season, and its fate here has been little better. It seems a desecration of historic art to witness such sterling artists as Wm. Davidge and Frank Hardenbergh cast in such trashy characters. Haverly's "Patience" Troupe is billed for Feb. 6.

TONY PASTOR'S very amusing and thoroughly successful burlesque entitled "Patience, or the Stage-Maidens," continues to be an attractive feature at the Fourteenth-street Theatre. It exhibits the resources of the establishment in a most favorable light, and affords ample proof of the ability of the company concerned in its representation. Thus enjoying the double advantage of clever construction and admirable rendition, this fair to achieve a success second to none of Tony Pastor's previous productions in the shape of operatic burlesque. Lillian Russell's brilliant vocalization is nightly rewarded with hearty applause, while May and Flora Irwin and Jacques Kruger, the exponents of the other principal parts, also strengthen the favorable impression which they created therein. A new olio preceded the burlesque on Jan. 30, embracing Emerson and Clark in terpsichorean parodies, and in the opening farce called "Razor Mania," in which they were assisted by Frank Girard and Susie Russell; George Melville in a comic balancing act, Ida Claremont in ballads, Lizzie Simms in transformation act, Lew Baker in impersonations of aged Southern negroes, and Tony Pastor in mirthful melodies. The Four Stanbrooks and Lester and Williams will be added to the company Feb. 6.

MANAGER HEUMANN of the National was publicly presented Jan. 27 (his thirtieth birthday) with a handsome gold watch as a proof of the respect and estimation in which he is held by his company and attaches. N. S. Wood, the young actor, made a neat and appropriate presentation speech, to which Manager Heumann responded in a brief but feeling manner. A beautiful collation and a serenade from the orchestra followed the presentation.

"EDIPUS TYRANNUS," one of a series of three cognate plays from the Greek that are familiar to most scholars, was brought out at Booth's Theatre on the night of Jan. 30, under the same auspices and after the same methods that characterized its recent production in Boston, Mass., when it was amply reviewed by our regular correspondent in that city. At Booth's Theatre it was, in its entirety, well performed by the actors engaged in it, while the music specially arranged for it was given an adequate interpretation by an augmented orchestra, under the special leadership of G. W. Chadwick, three or four rows of chairs having been taken out of the parquette to admit of the seating of the thirty or more extra musicians and the thirty or more singers in citizens' dress who aided the regular and costumed chorus of the tragedy, numbering about fourteen. The play is favored in having for its four leading actors two who began their professional careers many years ago, in the days when the presentation of tragic plays or heavy melodramas was the rule, and two others who, besides having had some experience on the professional stage, were professional elocutionists or readers before taking to the legitimate boards. The first two are J. F. Hagan and Louis Morrison, and the others are Miss Georgia Cayvan and George Riddle, the last of whom, in addition to the fact of his having been first a student and next a teacher of elocution in Harvard College, has the fact in his favor that he comes of a histrionic family. Hagan's best scene was that in which, as the seer Tiresias, one of the two parts he played, he began prophetically to heap upon King Edipus the woes that eventually overwhelmed him.



It was in the scene during which he has to confront the angry Edipus, who accuses him from the steps leading to the King's palace, that Louis Morrison, as Creon, made his mark, winning fervid applause for his declamation.



Spite of the fact that he was suffering from a cold, which doubtless had the effect of making him somewhat uncertain of those utterances calling for much power, George Riddle, who alone spoke in the tongue in which Sophocles wrote, and to whose lot fell nearly one-half of all the lines in the tragedy, acquitted himself well throughout, but especially well in the scene in which the horrible truth dawned upon both Edipus and Jocasta, son and mother, not only that the son killed the father, but also that he has married the father's widow. Mr. Riddle was also impressive in the last scene of all, where Edipus appears after having hacked his eyes with the clasp taken from the garment of his wife and mother, who has meanwhile hanged herself.



Mr. Riddle recalled two or three times during a performance that he must have been exhausting to him, and Miss Cayvan was also summoned back after her final scene, in which she is accused to the terrible realization that she and Edipus have unwittingly been guilty of incest. The only fault with Miss Cayvan's impersonation was that which would have to be the fault, in one way or the other, with almost any other actress in the same role. While she had to look young enough to be the wife of Edipus, she was not old enough in appearance to be his mother. There was a large attendance, although not a full house. There were many scholars scattered about, and to them Mr. Riddle's fine Greek pronunciation was a pleasure; but there were those present, also, to whom the fact that one character spoke in Greek made the play "all Greek." Although the attendance was noticeably good, yet the speculators suffered; for they were selling their dollar-and-a-half places at one dollar long before the actors came on, which expression is illustrated by the fact that in this tragedy, represented after the Greek fashion, there is neither raising nor lowering of curtain, and no shifting of scenes. As a curiosity it should attract, even if the pains with which it has been cast and mounted is not enough to bespeak patronage for it. These Greek plays have never found favor in the metropolis, even when the Greek was altogether left out, and nothing but English was heard. George Vandenhoff and Frank Chanfrau are survivors of a costly experiment made with "Antigone" at Palm's Opera-house nearly forty years ago, and Mrs. McClure, now residing in Rochester, N. Y., is the relic of an earlier attempt made by Tom Hamblin at the Bowery Theatre, where she played Jocasta with Edipus and the Tiresias of Gail. There was no money in it. The plays of Sophocles were literary masterpieces of the days of Sophocles. They can be nothing but curiosities now.

THE PRESENT WEEK'S BUSINESS at the Theatre Comique was ushered in by another jam on the evening of Jan. 28. Not only was every seat up and down stairs taken, but nearly every foot of standing-room was occupied. Ladies were about equal in proportion with the sterner material in the orchestra and boxes, while we observed about a score of the fair creatures standing up throughout the performance. Eugene Bourke has resumed his role of Paddy Duffy, J. Fitzsimmons assuming the role of Pedro Donetti, originally played by unfortunate John Oberist, and subsequently by Bourke.

MARY ANDERSON began her first engagement in the Grand Opera-house Jan. 30, playing Juliet to a crowded audience. The tragedy was acted with the same cast as at Booth's Theatre. Miss Anderson, who was enthusiastically received, repeated that role 31, and is to appear in "Ingomar" Feb. 1, 2, 3, 4, and "Pygmalion and Galatea" Saturday matinee. At the Wednesday matinee J. B. Studley and the company are to play "The Hells."

THE SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS present as fresh attractions this week "Polyglot Anthems," sung by Charles Backus; "Still I Love Thee," by Stanley Grey; "Baby's Closed Her Eyelids," by L. Brahman; "Don't Slam the Garden Gate," by Ricardo; and Harry Kennedy introduced new and original songs in his ventriloquial entertainment. "Patience" remains a laughable feature. There was a good house Monday night.

AN AGREEABLE VARIETY was provided at the National Theatre Jan. 30, when a large audience assembled. Grimaldi Zellner and Charles Christie were mirth-provoking in the pantomime called "Robert Macaire." Blanche Moncrieff's serio-comic songs seemed to be well appreciated. Mont. Bushnell, assisted by Kitty Thomas, displayed proficiency in feats of juggling and equilibrist; the American Four—Pettigill, Gale, Dally and Hoey—evoked hilarity in their latest production "That's What I Thought;" Dutch Daly obtained well-merited applause in Dutch dialect ditties and in concertina-solos. The entertainment concluded with the drama "For a Life, or the Orphan's Trust," in which the author, W. J. Thompson, appeared as Leopold, and his dramatic efforts appeared to have been thoroughly satisfactory. He was supported by Lottie Forrest and introduced his dogs Hero and Hector.

MUSICAL NOTES.—The Casino, it is said, will shortly reopen under new proprietors, with E. Stuart as manager. Adeline Patti will appear for a brief season of Italian opera at the Germania Theatre Feb. 25, under H. E. Abbey's management. The Kennedy party, under the management of the New York audience at Steinway Hall Jan. 28. The series was a decided success. Our Scottish chorus were not only present in full force, but delighted and enthusiastic. The house was crowded at each entertainment. The Arcadian Quartet was heard at Chickering Hall Jan. 25. It includes J. M. Fulton, first-tenor; Geo. Adams, second-tenor; Geo. E. Conley, first-bass; and D. Adams, second-bass. A long and successful concert at Steinway Hall Jan. 28. This is the nucleus for the great chorus of the coming May Festival under Theodore Thomas' direction. It met with marked success. The soloists were Miss Schell, Miss Winant, Mr. Toedt and Mr. Remmert in the vocal numbers, and Joseph, pianist. Belle Irene Beringer, pianist, will appear at the New York audience at Steinway Hall Jan. 27. Mabel Claire Stephenson, child elocutionist, appeared at an entertainment at Chickering Hall Jan. 24. Zelle De Lussan, soprano; H. S. Hilliard, tenor; M. W. Weed, bass; and W. R. Johnston, organist, were in the programme. Mme. De Montcalm, pianist, played at Steinway Hall Jan. 26. Huguette Minstrel gave a concert at the Casino, Sunday, Jan. 29. The programme was an admirable one, and well done. This is supposed to be the end of the Casino season, so far as the management of E. G. Gilmore or H. E. Abbey is concerned. "Der Chevalier von San Marco," a comic opera in three acts, by Bohmann-Riegen, music by Josef Bayer, was given at the Thalia Theatre Jan. 30 for the first time. The composer directed the opera. Jennie Stuber, the principal role, was very successful in making a very favorable impression. The McGilbey Family gave a concert at Steinway Hall Jan. 30. The family is composed of nine members, who are all versatile performers on string or wind instruments. They give the best class of music, and are credited with being artistic performers in miniature, their ages ranging from about six to eighteen. Mayor Grace refused permission to the young set, Master Dockie, aged six, and Florie, aged seven, to appear.

SOCIETY.—"Patience" has touched the beaux and belles of society so strongly that for five weeks previous they were industriously preparing for an amateur performance of the opera, which finally culminated in two representations Jan. 28, at Chickering Hall, and all for sweet charity. The performance was a most successful one, and the audience, and no expense had been spared to make it worthy of the brilliant audiences which filled the hall, willing to pay roundly for the privilege of seeing their society friends on the stage. Seats were put at \$3, but brought almost any price in the double figures, on the first night, long before the curtain went up. The entertainments were successful in every way, in having a large and well-conducted orchestra under E. Marz's baton, in being under the immediate supervision of J. H. Kyle, the Bunthorne of the Standard Theatre, and in being effectively mounted and elegantly dressed (the ladies attired in colored silks and satin hand-painted with the most pathetic designs), with the characters well distributed and well sustained. The actors were all good, and almost all for an amateur performance, it is open to criticism. The roles were so intelligently done by all concerned and with so keen an appreciation of what was demanded of them that success followed as a matter of course. Sunflowers and lilies decorated not only the players but the majority of the auditors, and the majority of the many floral designs for the amateur artists were composed of these ethereal flowers. The individual performers have come in for much praise, and also the general representation for the prompt, accurate and interesting manner in which it was done, crediting it with being the most perfect amateur performance ever given in this city. The characters were distributed as follows: Colonel Canverly, E. G. Cruger; Bunthorne, G. C. Howland Jr.; Grosvenor, Mr. Gialko; Major Mather, Mr. E. C. Duke; Duke of Dunstable, Charles Busch; Lady Jane, Miss Little; Lady Angela, Miss Hall; Lady Saphir, Mrs. Henry Robbins; Lady Ella, Miss Remsen; Patience, Emma Schenck. The Bapturno Maidens: Misses Turnure, Gill, Cheever, Freeman, J. Remsen, Morgan, Nelson, Schmidt, Gill, Hayward, Mrs. Belmont, Purdy, Mrs. Rich and Irwin and Mrs. A. A. Hays. The Chorus of Dragons: W. B. Travers, Jr., W. Rutherford, J. C. Johnson, H. Henry, C. Spigard, H. Roosevelt, W. Goodwin, E. M. Gillette, S. Gillette, D. Howland and M. Dixon. The Oscar Wildes—S. Wright and Mr. Turnure.

HOW THE WINDSOR THEATRE HAS BEEN "BRACED UP."—The Tribune of Jan. 29 says: "The Windsor Theatre, which was declared unsafe, and the owners of which were directed to put it in a safe condition, has been partially braced up by putting in a safe condition. The front wall, the front wall, which supports all the galleries, and which bulged out several inches, is strengthened by two beams, the ends of which rest against a small building a few feet from the theatre wall. The wall, between 100 and 150 feet long, in the rear of the stage, has three braces against it, two near one end, and one at the other, but none in the middle. The south wall, which has also bulged out, has not been braced at all. All the beams rest against short pieces of plank on the walls of the theatre. The architects who made the survey of the building to ascertain its condition reported that in order to render the building safe 'the walls must be braced and then taken down and rebuilt.' The order of the Court differs from this phraseology by the insertion of the words 'at a suitable season of the year.' The directors to rebuild the theatre, the Building Bureau said that he could consider the present bracing as only temporary, and that the walls should be rebuilt at once. The manager of the theatre proposes to keep it open with the present walls until Spring, when Mr. Martin, the owner of the building, will probably rebuild it. At present the theatre is in a safe condition, and the directors are bracing as only temporary, and that the walls should be rebuilt at once. The manager of the theatre proposes to keep it open with the present walls until Spring, when Mr. Martin, the owner of the building, will probably rebuild it. At present the theatre is in a safe condition, and the directors are bracing as only temporary, and that the walls should be rebuilt at once. 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There appears to be some mistake in the assertion of Mr. Batcheller, and we think he has taken a great deal on himself in signing our names unauthorizedly to what he terms his open letter to his friends in THE CLIPPER of Jan. 14. We, the undersigned, never sign our names to a falsehood, which we would be doing had we done so.

NATALIA LOWANDE, ROBERT STICKNEY, DAVID HAWLEY, H. CODONA, CLINT ROMELLA, FRED TUNNELS, JAMES MURRAY, EUGENE KENEDEL, JOSEPH KENEDEL, AUGUST HUISLAY.

Now, I have a few words to say in regard to another misstatement made by Batcheller in his so-called open letter to his friends. He says the leaping was done on my own apparatus. The board was a new one, furnished by Messrs. Dockrill & Leon for the company; the bar was an old one Batcheller and myself used last Fall with the Barnum Show, and the run was not my run, it being but 400, while my run has always been 500. In regard to the three somersaults that Batcheller won, I went the HIGHEST and FARTHEST in each, but, owing to the HUN BEING SO SHORT, IT CAUSED ME TO MISS MY FEET, CONSEQUENTLY I LOST THE SOMERSAULTS. Wednesday night HE FAILED TO APPEAR, WH. HE ENTITLED ME TO THE NIGHT, ACCORDING TO THE MATCH DECIDED ON ITS MERITS, I WOULD NOT ACCEPT IT. As to the tie, Batcheller won the height by six inches, and I the DISTANCE by THREE FEET. THE DRIFT OF Batcheller's card is PLAIN TO BE SEEN. HE THOUGHT TO SECURE AN ENGAGEMENT AT MY EXPENSE, IN WHICH I HOPE HE HAS SUCCEEDED. I wish to say that the ABOVE LETTERS WERE FREELY GIVEN ME BY THE ARTISTS OF THE COMPANY, and I wish to return my sincere thanks for their KINDNESS.

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